

# FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

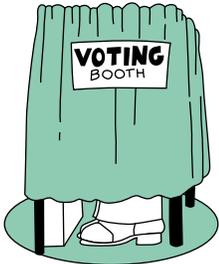
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## VOTING DISTRICT CHANGE



District 1 voters will have a change of venue. Beginning with the upcoming November 8th General Election, **voters in District 1 will now vote downstairs in the Cooper-Siegel Library** and not in the Fox Chapel Fire Department meeting room. Voters should park behind the library to access the voting area. The Allegheny County Election Department viewed the lower level of the library and decided that it better accommodated the needs of the voters as well as the election officials. 🐾

## EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTION CHANGES

In July of 2008, Pennsylvania passed Act 32 to provide for consolidation and standardization of the local earned income tax system. Act 32 created new tax collection districts, mandated employer withholding starting in 2012 and standardized tax forms.

Allegheny County was divided into four collection districts with each district selecting their own tax collector. Fox Chapel is now part of the Allegheny North Tax Collection District. The members of the ANTCD have appointed Keystone Collections Group as its new earned income tax collector.

Any employer, including residents who employ others or are self-employed, will be required to register with Keystone. **Employers who received a mailing from Keystone are already registered and no further registration is required.**

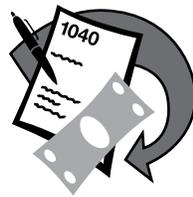
Employers and self-employed individuals must have each employee complete a *Certificate of Residency* form. This form provides informa-

tion including a Political Subdivision (PSD) code to help identify the municipalities where an employee lives and works. The PSD code for the Fox Chapel Area School District is 7014; 71403 for Fox Chapel Borough.

With implementation of Act 32 on January 1, 2012, every employer or self-employed individual will be required to deduct from payroll the employee's resident tax (where the employee lives) and remit payment to Keystone Collections Group. Keystone will then disburse the monies to the proper municipality.

Keystone Collections Group will be working with all members of ANTCD to educate employers and employees and to provide a smooth transition. Further information about Act 32, answers to frequently asked questions, helpful links, registration, filing and residency forms

for download are available through the "Employer Resources" page at [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com). (Please note that the \$52 Local Services Tax (LST) will also be collected by Keystone Collections Group. Jordan Tax will not be collecting EIT or LST, just Borough and School real estate taxes.) 🐾



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## DEER MANAGEMENT

During the 2010-2011 hunting season, a total of 135 deer were removed, 32 by archers, 84 by police sharpshooters and 19 by vehicles. This compares with 134 total deer removed the year before.

Saturday, September 17th, 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 Hunters Sharing the Harvest. 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 116. 🐾

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## FALL LEAF COLLECTION

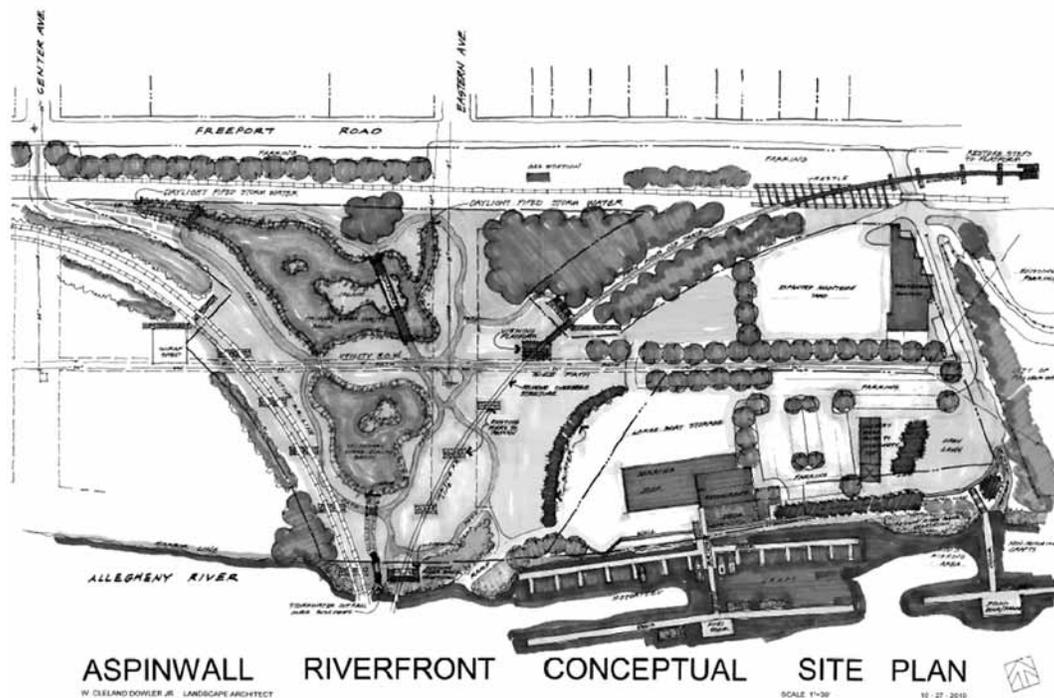
Shorter days and cooler temperatures once again signal that autumn is here, marking the beginning of yet another leaf season. It is recommended that residents take the environmental approach by having the leaves blown into the woods to allow for natural decomposition. Collection will begin on Monday, October 17th, 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 5th and **all leaves must be placed at the curb before December 5th**. 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, 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. 🐾





## FOX CHAPEL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Melinda Beard

The skeptics said, “It couldn’t be done,” not in six months and certainly not in this economy. But the Don Quixotes dared to “dream the impossible dream” - to raise 2.3 million dollars in half a year to purchase the Aspinwall Marina to develop it as a park, a marina and a bird sanctuary to be part of the trails system rather than as a parking lot which it seemed destined to be last winter. The community effort has been astounding and humbling from t-shirt sales, lemonade stands and Boy Scout lawn cutting to parties aimed at making \$5,000 for the Colcom and Hillman Foundation matching grants. There have been incredibly generous personal gifts including jars of pennies! Each gift has had so much spirit and each giver so much heart.

We are proud of Susan Crookston and Trish Klatt, both past presidents of the Association, for conceptualizing the possibility and for their tireless efforts for making it happen. We are proud of the volunteers who trudged through the property so many times taking tours and of the countless phone calls and lunches and, yes, even the pressure. We thank the Friends of the Riverfront as the buying agent for the great job they do. We especially want to thank you for your generosity and your willingness to believe this all could happen.

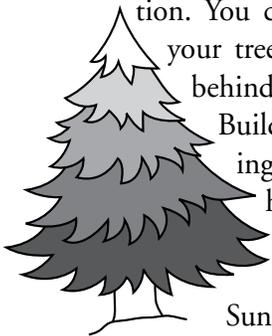
Of course we are not done. We have 2.7 million to raise for the development. The sooner we get the money, the sooner our children will be playing in the park. We will be walking the trails, and it all will look as good (or even better) than Squaw Valley Park. We already have \$400,000.00 for the startup phase. Keep dreaming friends... you’ve done a great job! Visit our website ([www.foxchapeldistrictassociation.org](http://www.foxchapeldistrictassociation.org)) to donate or send your money to FCDA, PO Box 111595, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. While you’re at it, join our membership (details on the website) and be part of all that we do to make your living in this area the joy that it is. 🐾

## GARBAGE COLLECTION/RUBBISH BIN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

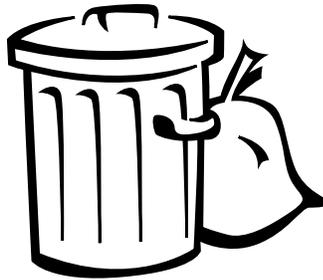
Garbage collections normally scheduled for November 24th and 25th will be pushed back one day to Friday and Saturday, November 25th and 26th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There is no change to the collection schedule for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Rubbish bins are normally open Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. However, the bins will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. 🐾

### CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Borough will provide a curbside pickup of Christmas trees. All trees must be brought **to the curb** by Wednesday, January 11th, 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 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, Vogel Disposal will not return until the next weekly collection. With winter weather approaching, Vogel 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. Call Vogel directly for any garbage collection problems toll free at 1-855/494-3345 and press 1. 🐾

### SALE OF USED FURNISHINGS

Cooper-Siegel Community Library will hold a sale at the former Lauri Ann West Memorial Library, 1220 Powers Run Road, on Saturday, October 22nd, from 8 AM to 12 PM. Some of the items available are wooden bookcases, metal shelving, tables, chairs, desks, maps, pictures and office accessories. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Cooper-Siegel Community Library. The new Cooper-Siegel Community Library is located at 403 Fox Chapel Road and serves the residents of Aspinwall, Blawnox, Fox Chapel, Indiana, O'Hara and Sharpsburg. The library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM to 8 PM; Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 AM to 5 PM; and Saturdays, 9 AM to 4 PM. 🐾



☎ ☎ ☎ **PHONE NUMBERS** ☎ ☎ ☎

The Borough receives many phone calls on a daily business requesting phone numbers. Some of the most requested phone numbers are listed below for your use. We ask that residents refrain from calling the Borough for phone numbers thus keeping the phone lines open for other Borough matters. We also encourage the use of the Borough's website for information regarding office closings, garbage collection delays, meeting schedules, etc., at [www.fox-chapel.pa.us](http://www.fox-chapel.pa.us). Thank you for your cooperation.

Comcast.....	412/771-8100
Community Center.....	412/828-8566
Cooper-Siegel Library .....	412/828-9520
Duquesne Light Company .....	888/393-7000
Fox Chapel Police (Non-Emergency).....	412/963-7220
Fox Chapel (Water) Authority .....	412/963-0212
Fox Chapel School District.....	412/963-9600
Foxwall EMS.....	412/963-6611
Jordan Tax Service	
Real Estate Tax .....	412/345-7962
Wage Tax (until 12/31/11) .....	412/345-7964
Keystone Collections Group.....	724/978-0300
O'Hara Township (Squaw Valley Park).....	412/782-1400
Verizon.....	800/837-4966
Vogel Disposal (Garbage Collection) .....	855/494-3345

**JINGLE, MINGLE AND SHOP**

Fox Chapel Country Day School (FCCDS) announces its 4th Annual Jingle, Mingle and Shop to be held on Friday, December 2nd, from 8 AM - 4 PM with a preview party on Thursday, December 1st, from 6 PM - 9 PM in The Great Hall of the Fox Chapel Episcopal Church adjacent to the school at 620 Squaw Run Road East. Jingle, a holiday boutique, is open to the public and offers a community affair with the convenience of one-stop shopping along with an exciting experience for the entire family. Jingle will include unique retailers selling a variety of gifts for men, women and children including specialty, handcrafted and one-of-a-kind items that cannot be found in most stores.

Shoppers will find extraordinary gifts for everyone on their lists, all in one place. An assortment of holiday greens and poinsettias will also be available by advanced order with a few for sale at Jingle. Order forms for greens can be obtained from the school website listed below. Proceeds from Jingle, Mingle & Shop will benefit the FCCDS. Founded in 1948, FCCDS is a small, independent elementary school providing a foundation that is centered in academics and the arts in which each child may achieve both academic success and personal self-confidence. Additional information about Jingle and FCCDS can be found at [www.foxchapelcountryday.com/jingle](http://www.foxchapelcountryday.com/jingle). Any questions can be directed to [www.jingle@foxchapelcountryday.com](mailto:www.jingle@foxchapelcountryday.com). 🐾

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

The Fox Chapel Episcopal Church located at 630 Squaw Run Road East will hold its 66th annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 12th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be many unusual specialties and beautiful gifts including home-made 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, orchids and exotic house plants. This years Guild members are also selling raffle tickets for a handmade "Barn Raising Pinwheels" 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! 🐾





## HALLOWEEN HOURS

Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, 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. 🐾

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE RANDY VULAKOVICH



The following events are being hosted by State Representative **Randy Vulakovich**. Visit his website at [www.repvulakovich.com](http://www.repvulakovich.com) or contact his office at 412/487-6600 for further information and a complete list of events. **5th Annual Senior Expo**, Friday, October 21st, 9 AM – Noon, Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, 300 Glenn Avenue, Glenshaw. A

(free) opportunity for senior citizens age 55 and older and their families to meet with and obtain information from representatives of local, State, Federal and nonprofit organizations who can answer questions on a variety of topics affecting senior citizens. Every effort will be made to provide a limited number of free flu vaccinations to senior citizens age 65 and older who reside in the 30th Legislative District. Free refreshments, parking and prizes will be provided.

**Presentation on Powers of Attorney and Living Wills by Neighborhood Legal Services Association**, Thursday, November 3rd, 11 AM – Noon, Shaler North Hills Library, 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. A (free) Older and Wiser presentation by Neighborhood Legal Services for older adults and their families. RSVP is appreciated but not required (412/487-6600). 🐾

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 9th, Noon – 6 PM, office of State Representative Randy Vulakovich, 1407 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Visit the district office located at 1407 Mt. Royal Blvd. in Shaler Township to meet Representative Vulakovich and staff to learn about services provided. Come enjoy an old fashioned Christmas complete with a train display, refreshments and Randy's mom's homemade cookies. 🐾



## AUTUMN SONG BENEFIT LUNCH FASHION AUCTION BAKE SALE

All are invited to attend this lovely luncheon and benefit on Saturday, October 15th, at the Pittsburgh Field Club. This annual benefit by the Aquinas Guild of St. Scholastica Church supports church and community activities. Doors will open at 11 AM to socialize and shop the auctions and bake sale. Lunch is served at 12:15 followed by a fashion show by Carabella of Oakmont. Tickets are \$40 and are available through **Tara Bolonik** at 412/600-5838. Call before Friday, October 7th, to reserve a seat. 🐾

## DOG LICENSE

A dog license can be purchased on line through the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office at [www.alleghenycounty.us/treasure/dog.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/treasure/dog.aspx). The application form is also available on line. 🐾





### LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- \* A walking program for those over fifty is being held at the 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.
- \* A 10-week class in American Sign Language will be taught at the library on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 PM beginning on October 3rd.
- \* The Cancer Project is an organization led by **Dr. Neal Barnard** that provides information on the power of nutrition to reduce cancer risk. Beginning October 5th, this organization will present four evening sessions of nutrition and cancer information titled *Food for Life* at the library 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.
- \* Pittsburgh mystery author **Kathleen George** will do an evening book talk about her latest novel, "Hide-out", in October. Local author **Kathleen Shoop** will talk about her award winning novel *The Last Letter* at the library.
- \* The library will host a program about how a Japanese tea ceremony is performed on Saturday, October 9th, 10 AM. The event is free and refreshments will be provided.
- \* The **Andy Warhol** Museum will present art programs for the whole family on October 10th, 6:30 PM, and October 15th, 10 AM. They will teach various art techniques including silk screening. A free lecture about Andy Warhol and the Museum will be held on October 10th, 7 PM.
- \* Free literacy tutor training will be sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council in November.
- \* Learn about life in Bulgaria in the Peace Corps with Louise Bolton on October 26th, 7 PM.
- \* Support the library at our Book Fair with purchases at the Waterworks Barnes & Noble Thanksgiving weekend. Several flavors of Cheesecake Factory cheesecake will also be sold as a library fundraiser beginning in October and continuing through Thanksgiving weekend.
- \* Using Facebook and LinkedIn for Business - use the power of these social networking tools to build your business. LinkedIn will be presented November 7th, 7 PM; Facebook will be presented November 14th, 7 PM.

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

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Library Programs for Children include the following: Story Times, 3rd Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Spooky Stories, Autumn Craft Workshop, Decorate a Mini- Gingerbread House, Let's Build It and Seasonal Story Time with **Sally Aiken**.

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Library Programs for Teens include After Hours Art Club, Teen Book Club, Teen Read Week and D-I-Y Gifts.

For information regarding any of the adult programs, please contact the Reference Department at 412/828-9520 x 215; children's programs, 412/828-9520 x 218; teen programs at 412/828-9520 x 219 or visit the library website at <http://www.lauriannwestlibrary.org> for information.



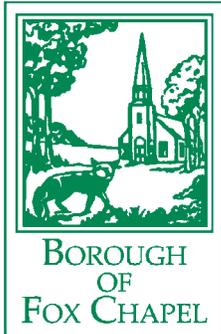
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Meets each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
at 7:30 P.M.

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James M. Royston  
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John B. Montgomery

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at 7:00 P.M.

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS  
Office 412-963-1100**

**Extensions:**

Administration ..... 0  
Building Permits/Zoning..... 113  
Public Works ..... 119  
Sewer Department..... 126

**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.**