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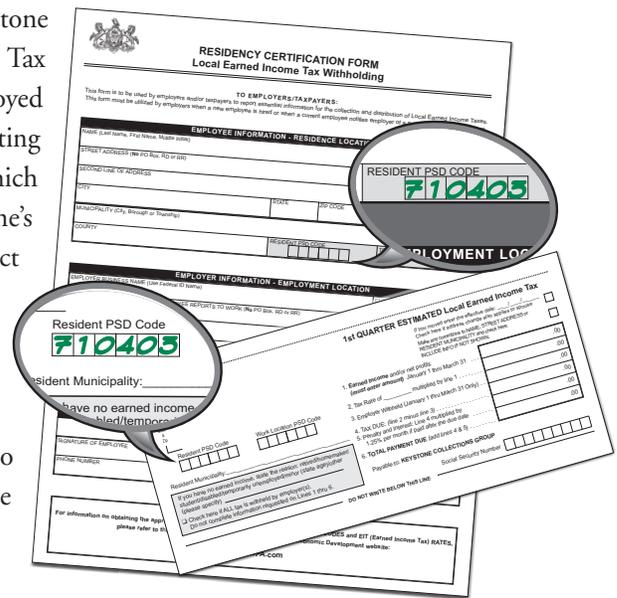
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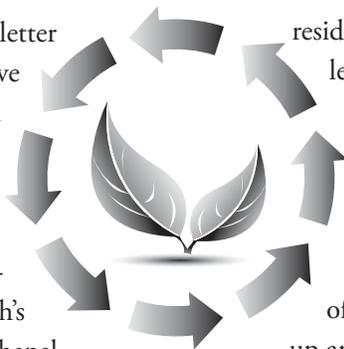
EARNED INCOME TAX (EIT)

As the Borough has noted in previous newsletters, Keystone Collections Group is the now the collector of Earned Income Tax (EIT) for the Borough. At the beginning of the year, all employed residents should have received a form from their employer requesting the Political Subdivision Code (PSD) for the municipality in which they reside. In comparing the resident database with Keystone's EIT database, we found several residents for which an incorrect PSD Code was submitted by the employer or payroll service. This means that your tax dollars could possibly be going to the wrong community. The Borough is encouraging all employed residents to confirm with their employer that PSD Code 710403 was used. Self-employed residents must also be registered with Keystone and should also confirm that the correct PSD Code was submitted. 



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. 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 vs. the costly and polluting method of having leaves picked up and hauled to a compost facility. 

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HALLOWEEN HOURS

Halloween will be celebrated on Wednesday, 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. 🐾

DOG LICENSE
A dog license can be purchased on-line through the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office at www.alleghenycounty.us/treasure/dog.aspx. 🐾

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 15th, 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 3rd and **all leaves must be placed at the curb before December 3rd**. 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.

Please be aware that should the Borough experience the steady falling of leaves 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.

What your landscaper won't tell you...

"I could simply blow your leaves into the woods for a lower cost instead of hauling them to the edge of the road."

"The dead grass along road caused by leaves could have been prevented."

"I would rather haul in and charge you for leaf mulch rather than using the mulch in the woods from last year's leaves." 🐾

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Borough will provide a curbside pickup of Christmas trees. All trees must be brought to the curb by Wednesday, January 9th, with the cut end facing the street. All trimmings must be removed. Barring inclement weather, the collection usually takes only three days to complete. If you miss the curbside collection, trees can be brought to the bin area behind the Borough Building during normal bin hours (10 AM to 4 PM, Saturday & Sunday). 🐾



HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Garbage will not be collected on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day thus delaying garbage collection one day for the remainder of the week.

GARBAGE PICKUP AND SERVICES

The garbage service contract allows for unlimited pickup of household waste and each bag, can or item is allowed to weigh up to 45 pounds. 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. 🐾

DEER MANAGEMENT

During the 2011-2012 hunting season, a total of 38 deer were removed, 15 by vehicles and 23 by archers. Due to staffing shortages, the police sharpshooters were unable to remove any deer. This compares with 135 deer removed the year before.

Saturday, September 15th, 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.

TENNIS SHOE RECYCLING

The Fox Chapel Garden Club and the Girl Scouts are announcing the kick-off of its tennis shoe recycling event. The campaign will run through October 7th. 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. Each year the number of shoes recycled has grown. Look for boxes at local schools, the Borough office and places where tennis shoes are welcome! 🐾

FOX CHAPEL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Progress continues to be made on the Aspinwall Riverfront Park. Although the property is not yet open to the public, it is being enjoyed by wildlife. This summer we were thrilled to spot a river otter scampering down a walkway, a raccoon shimmying along a railroad bridge, a garter snake lolling in the sun, and a doe and her two fawns grazing at the edge of the property. And of course, there are the ever-present Canadian geese. In Aspinwall where it is relatively rare to see a rabbit or chipmunk, these

sightings were magical. They remind us of what we've protected and what this community treasure means not just to us, but to the ecosystem that is the Allegheny River.

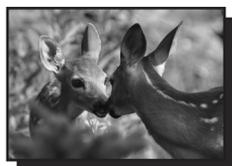
Our architects are hard at work, taking into account the data we collected from over 1,800 members of our community. They'll have the final plans ready to present to the public in October. We know our plans are grand. We also know they will not come to fruition without the hard work of hundreds of people and millions of

dollars of investment. But in light of all this, thinking of that river otter and the fawns stepping gingerly through the dappled light of the trees reminds me of that famous Robert Frost Poem:

*"The woods are lovely, dark & deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep.
And miles to go before I sleep."*

It's going to be worth every step.

Susan Crookston 🐾



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)

The AAUW will feature the two candidates for the United States Congress who are running for the seat in the 12th congressional district. On October 9th, 2012 Mark Critz, the Democratic candidate, serving since the special election in 2010, and Republican challenger Keith Rothfus will speak in the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chapel at 10:15 AM. (<http://www.aauwfoxchapelareapa.wordpress.com/>) 🐾





NOVEMBER 1st – 6pm – 9pm ‘VIP’ PREVIEW PARTY

NOVEMBER 2nd – 9am – 5pm

FOOD & \$\$\$ DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BOTH DAYS

Suggested needed items: diapers, paper products, canned goods, boxed starches, fiber cereals, detergents

**CHRISTMAS IN FOX CHAPEL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
IS CELEBRATING THEIR 30TH YEAR!**

Thirty to forty juried artisans will be gathering again this year on Thursday evening, November 1st, 6 – 9 PM, and Friday, November 2nd, 9 AM – 5 PM at the Fox Chapel Racquet Club, 355 Hunt Road, for another fabulous show featuring artists from Pittsburgh and surrounding areas.

For the past 3 years, the show has been supporting the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank and will continue to do so this year. The Food Bank has collected monetary and food donations from show vendors and attendees. They have averaged \$750 and 15 boxes of canned goods, paper products and dry goods with donations growing every year. There is no cost to attend the show, but attendees are highly encouraged to donate monetarily or donate canned goods. We will again be raffling off a Pittsburgh-themed basket with all proceeds donated to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.

Thursday, November 1st, has traditionally been a festive evening with a ‘preview party’ atmosphere and a large crowd celebrating the opening of the holiday shopping season. Many friends, family, spouses and loyal show attendees throughout the 30 years come out to get a jump start on their holiday shopping. On Friday, November 2nd, the show will feature lunch at the Boutique Café prepared by the PEO Organization, a women’s organization that raises money for women’s education.

“We are very much looking forward to celebrating 30 years of this show’s existence. We work hard all year searching for new and unique artists that really bring something different and special to our show”, says Gail Gilliland, artist, exhibitor and one of the original show organizers.

Come and enjoy the festivities with us and help celebrate thirty years of bringing artists, near and far, to this area showing off their numerous artistic talents!

Please e-mail Greer Gilliland Stasko at greer791@comcast.net
for additional information about the show.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT AUDUBON SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

OCTOBER

October 3, 2012

RADical Days Senior Hike;
9:00 AM

October 6, 2012

RADical Days Kids Walk;
10:00 AM

October 23, 2012

Girls' Night Out -
Build a Brandy Glass Terrarium;
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

October 26 & 27, 2012

Creatures of the Night;
6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, or 8:30 PM

NOVEMBER

November 3, 2012

Fledglings: Talking Turkey;
10:00 - 11:15 AM

November 4, 2012

Audubon Center for Native Plants:
Birds and Native Plants;
2:00 – 4:00 PM

November 17, 2012

Get Ready for Winter;
10:00 AM - Noon

DECEMBER

December 3, 2012

Audubon Nature Store Holiday Sale;
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Learn more by calling 412/963-6100 or register online anytime at www.aswp.org.

Just a reminder that we hold free, naturalist-led morning walks every Wednesday at 9:00 AM.



Parent Advocates for Learning Support

P.O. Box 38022 • Fox Chapel, PA 15238

PALS is a support group for parents and caregivers of children with learning differences formed by a few parents who recognized the need to share information and resources.

We invite you to attend our monthly meetings. Meetings often include a guest speaker to discuss the special education process, the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and implementation issues, legal and educational rights, and other educational resources and options available. We discuss successes, problems and

concerns in the classroom. We provide an opportunity to meet with parents and caregivers who understand and can offer some insight, ideas and support.

2012 - 2013 MEETING DATES

Date	Day	Time	Location
October 10, 2012	Wednesday	10AM	Cooper Siegel Library
November 14, 2012	Wednesday	6:30PM	Boyd Community Center
January 16, 2013	Wednesday	9:30AM	Panera
February 21, 2013	Thursday	6:30PM	Boyd Community Center
March 20, 2013	Wednesday	10AM	Cooper Siegel Library
April 17, 2013	Wednesday	6:30PM	Boyd Community Center
May 16, 2013	Thursday	9:30AM	Panera

Details about upcoming meetings can be found on the PALS website at www.palsinfo.org and also on the FCASD website at www.fcasd.edu, then click on "Community Info", and then select "FLYERS".

For additional information contact:

Sarah Nickel – 412-977-9690 - scncpa@aol.com • Chris Baldwin – 412-963-9860 - gcaldwin@aol.com



Cooper-Siegel



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Phone: 412/828-9520 • Fax: 412/828-4960 Email: coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Library Walking Group
- Thursday Night Speaker Series
- Italian Language Class
- Bowling using Xbox Kinect
- Adult ADD/ADHD Information Session
- Pittsburgh Zoo Tour
- UPMC Physician Lecture Series
- Electronics recycling
- Knitting Group
- Library Delivery to Homebound Residents
- Book Group Leader Packets
- Book Group Leader Kits
- Senior Speaker Series
- Weight Loss and Nutrition Classes
- Time Out for Parents
- Local author Kathleen Shoop
- Nationally-recognized author Stewart O’Nan
- “Green” Event at the Library
- Library now accepting your e-readers
- Computer Classes
- Writing Groups
- Book Discussion Groups
- Book Group Meeting Space and Room Rentals

Please register by calling the Reference Dept. at 412/828-9520, x 215 or by sending an email to coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net 

TEEN PROGRAMS

- After Hours Art Club
- Support Group: TWST
- Teen Read Week
- Teen Book Club
- DIY Gifts

Pre-registration is required for all events by calling 412/828-9520, x 210 

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

- Story times
- Leaf Art
- Pumpkin Art Class
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Spooky Stories with Alison Babusci
- Moccasins and More
- Decorate a Mini-Gingerbread House
- Lego Days

Pre-registration is required for all events by calling 412/828-9520, x 218 



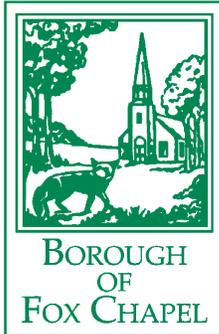
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**BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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David C. Cannon, Jr.
Thomas D. Cramer
Bruce H. Laswell
Peggy G. Jayme
Daniel H. Sliger
Jay S. Troutman

Meets as needed on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

**BOROUGH
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Andrew C. Bennett, *President*
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Ann R. Meyer
James M. Royston
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Gary J. Koehler, *Manager*

Meets each month on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Harrison S. Lauer, *Chairman*
Nanette Bennett
Lane D. Dively
James M. Royston
Jeffrey B. Todd

Meets as needed on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M.

PARK COMMISSION

Nancy Fales, *Chair*
Dotty Beckwith
Jay Troutman
Brian Shema
Ferd J. Sauereisen
James W. Pashek
Maria Harrington
Dotty Nielsen

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

**ZONING
HEARING BOARD**

Richard E. Jaynes, *Chairman*
John B. Montgomery
Kim Chrisman

Meets as needed on the Wednesday following the 3rd Monday of the month 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.**