

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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A TRIBUTE TO OUR FRIEND



It is with tears in our eyes that we remember our dear friend and public servant Harry McLaughlin who passed away on September 11th. From 1986 to 2012 we had the privilege of calling “Harry-O” our Mayor. He was so proud to be Mayor of Fox Chapel and worked tirelessly to preserve the nuance of the Borough. Harry had a passion for Fox Chapel and for life. Harry lit up a room when he walked in the door and never shied away from center stage. He loved playing golf, driving his Model A Ford (with a blow up doll in the rumble seat!) in the Memorial Day Parade and telling a joke. He truly cared about people including the less fortunate. He was passionate about raising monies for numerous charities, including the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, All of Us Care, Cooper-Siegel Community Library and the ALS Society.

Here at the Borough office we will sorely miss his presence. Every time he walked in the door, he spoke to everyone, not as the Mayor, but as a friend. He took the time to get to know us as individuals. If you were having a difficult day, he always had a way of cheering you up, calming you down or just making you laugh. The world was truly a better place with Harry-O in it.

We love you Harry-O and will miss you always. 🐾

E-WASTE COLLECTION



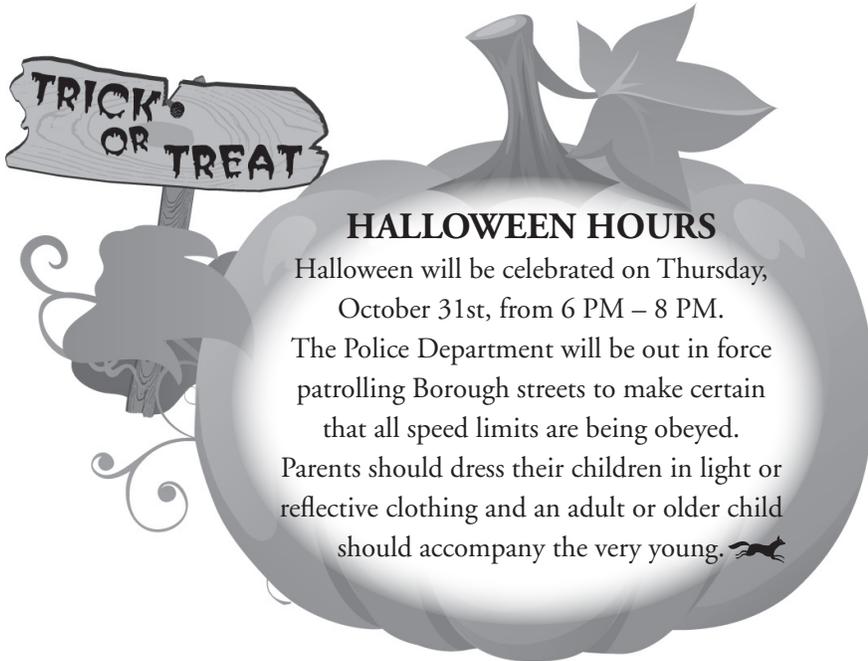
An electronic hard-to-recycle event will be held on Saturday, October 12th, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the O’Hara Township municipal office, 325 Fox Chapel Road, offering free collection of televisions, computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, stereos, VCRs, DVDs and all other electronics. Also as a reminder, electronics can be recycled at Guardian Storage located across from the post office at 1390 Old Freeport Road. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM. Drive to the gate, follow the instructions at the intercom to contact the office and tell them you are there to recycle electronics. The attendant will provide directions to the recycling area. 🐾

BACK YARD COMPOSTING

The Pennsylvania Resources Council will present an informative workshop entitled “Back Yard Composting” on Saturday, September 28th, at Boyd Community Center from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. For information about the class and to register, contact PRC at <http://prc.org>. 🐾

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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Borough will provide a *curbside* pickup of Christmas trees. All trees must be brought **to the curb** by Wednesday, January 8th, 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). Vogel Disposal will not collect Christmas trees. 🐾

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 with access to woods take the environmental approach by having the leaves blown into the woods to allow for natural decomposition. (The Borough encourages residents to become environmentally responsible by placing or blowing leaves into wooded areas or by mulching versus hauling leaves to the curb to await pickup by Borough crews. This approach saves tax dollars and the environment. The fuel cost alone for leaf collection exceeds \$8,700.) Collection will begin on Tuesday, 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 2nd. **All leaves must be placed at the curb before December 2nd.** 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." 🐾

DEER MANAGEMENT

During the 2012-2013 hunting season, a total of 108 deer were removed: 20 by vehicles, 28 by archers and 60 by the police sharpshooters. This compares with 38 deer removed the year before. Sharpshooters were not utilized last year due to temporary reduction in staff.

Saturday, September 21st, marks 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.



IN PENNSYLVANIA... AN ESTIMATED
450,000 PEOPLE PER MONTH MEET
A PART OF THEIR FOOD NEEDS
THROUGH A FOOD PANTRY/CUPBOARD
OR SOUP KITCHEN.

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

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE – DRIVEWAY REMINDER

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.

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 for Customer Service. 



SAVE THE DATE!
Jingle, Mingle and SHOP!
Fox Chapel Country Day School
A Unique One- Day Shopping Event
December 6th, 2013 - 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM
Preview Night: December 5th, 2013 - 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM



TENNIS SHOE RECYCLING RID YOURSELF OF YOUR DIRTY, SMELLY SNEAKERS!

The Fox Chapel Garden Club and local Girl Scouts are having their sixth annual recycling of sneakers which runs through October 30th. Brightly painted recycling boxes will be placed at local public and private schools, Cooper-Siegel Library, Boyd Community Center, Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph's Church, Fox Chapel Borough Building, area exercise facilities, country clubs, racquet clubs and Famous Footwear in The Waterworks Plaza.

The sneakers will be packed and sent by the Garden Club and the Girl Scouts to Nike's "Reuse-A-Shoe" program to be recycled. The shoes are slit and ground and sorted into hard rubber for running tracks and soft rubber for playground mats. The upper canvas and leather parts are recycled into a layer used for shock protection in basketball courts. The recycled items are sent to schools in need. Over 1,000 pairs of sneakers have been collected in past years.

This is a double win: the shoes will never go into local landfills and almost no new materials are used in making new athletic products. Also, young people will be involved in a local conservation project and will develop an understanding of and enthusiasm for environmental causes. The Girl Scouts involved are from the Middle School and also include Brownie Scouts from O'Hara Elementary and Fairview troops.

Please look in your closets and garages for those sneakers that do not fit or are worn out - we have a recycling box for them! Shoes with metal cleats or shanks are not acceptable. The environment, the Girls Scouts, Nike and the Fox Chapel Garden Club thank you! 🐾

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Remember to check smoke detectors and change the batteries when the clocks are changed in the spring and fall.
- Service, clean and check fire alarm.
- Confirm ALL family members know what to do in the event of a fire - know the appropriate escape routes (should have more than one), practice them and have a pre-set meeting place.
- Always sleep with bedroom doors closed. This will keep deadly heat and smoke away allowing additional time to escape.
- If fire threatens the home, exit the home first and then call 911.
- Time is critical. Do not waste time getting dressed or searching for valuables. Just get out!



The first six months of the year resulted in 201 total calls broken down as follows: False Alarms/83; Vehicle Accidents/45; Structure Fires/13; Wires Down/Transformer Fires/21; Natural Gas Leaks/5; Carbon Monoxide/8; Brush Fire/4; Car Fire/2; Other (Tree into house, flooding conditions, Assist EMS, etc.)/20. It should be noted that the department is now first-responder to the Powers Run area of O'Hara Township due to the closing of the Guyasuta Department in O'Hara Township. 🐾

nixle

Just a reminder to residents that the Borough is using a communications service that allows important Borough information to be sent directly to residents. The Nixle Community Information Service allows the Borough to deliver messages to those who subscribe via cell phone, text message and/or e-mail. Messages 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 for additional information or to register for this service. 🐾

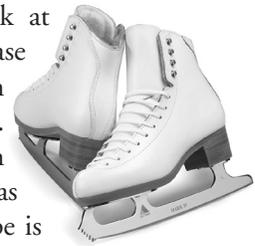
DOG LICENSE

A dog license can be purchased on-line through the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office at www.alleghenycounty.us/treasure/dog.aspx. The application form is also available online. 🐾



ICE SKATING RINK

We are asking those who use the ice skating rink at McCahill Park during the winter months to please observe the "Closed" sign when posted. The main reason for closure is the ice surface not being frozen. (Last year's mild winter did not allow for much skating!) Borough personnel post the sign as well as place yellow tape across the entrance and yet the tape is removed and skating occurs causing damage to the rink's liner. This has happened on several occasions since the rink has been installed and the constant upkeep is getting expensive. We are asking residents to help the borough patrol the rink and notify police when usage occurs when closed. The rink has become a popular attraction during winter months, and it is the borough's desire to continue the tradition for years to come as long as it does not become too expensive. Thank you. 🐾



FOX CHAPEL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

by Melinda Beard

The "tempus" has "fugited" as predicted so that by the time this reaches your mailbox, the Follies will be in rehearsal, and I still will be ignorant of the theme as my recalcitrant son refuses to share with me the secret of the plot and is making me wait with the rest of humanity for the invitation's revelation, despite the fact that I'll be the one licking the envelopes. Those invitations will go out at the end of September and you will get one if you are a member of FCDA; if not, you may miss out. The result of our membership e-blast in June was a total sellout of the premium seats for all four nights that they were available; and that sellout occurred in just over a week. As you know (because I have hammered at the dates), the weekends are November 14-16 and 21-23. If you are not a member, now is your chance; foxchapeldistrictassociation.org will give you all the information that you need. As a member you will be the first to receive the invitation and will be able to avoid the disappointment of missing "the greatest show on earth."

Of course, another way to be among the select first is to be involved. What the Follies needs this year (as in years past) are the people who are behind the scenes, the laborers, the "unsung heroes." If you can help with costumes, with staging, with makeup, with gofering, please contact Bill Ivins (412/606-4484). And, again, we plea for underwriters to consider helping to defer our major expenses: food, seating, sound, staging, music, etc. Your name or business name will be displayed prominently (by permission) on a board at the entrance to the Club and again in the program. Contact Tim McLaughlin (412/897-6006) or Melinda Beard (412/781-6355) if you are in a position to be a hero. 🐾



NOVEMBER 7th – 6:00pm – 8:30pm ‘VIP’ PREVIEW PARTY

NOVEMBER 8th – 9:00am – 4:00pm

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 31ST YEAR!**

Thirty to forty juried artisans will be gathering again this year on Thursday evening, November 7th, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, and Friday, November 8th, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Fox Chapel Racquet Club, 355 Hunt Road, for another fabulous show featuring artists from Pittsburgh and surrounding areas.

For the past 4 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 7th, 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 31 years come out to get a jump start on their holiday shopping. On Friday, November 8th, 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 31 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. 🐾



Cooper-Siegel



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

403 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

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

**The library will hold a fall 5k run/walk on October 6, 2013.
Please check the library website for details.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Gettysburg 150 Events:
 - Battle of Gettysburg with Heinz History Center; CEO Andy Masich (at O'Hara Elementary)
 - Underground Railroad in PA
 - Gettysburg Battle in the American Imagination with Historian/Storyteller Alan Irvine
 - PG reporter Len Barcoucky, author of "Civil War Pittsburgh"
 - Gettysburg Ghosts with Pittsburgh Paranormal Society
- Wise Walk: Library Walking Group
- Fit at Any Age fitness class
- Local authors: "Pittsburgh in Film and TV" author John Tiech
- "Pittsburgh Mansions" author Melanie Linn Gutowsk
- Sunday Music at the Library
- German and Chinese language classes
- Trivia Night with prizes
- Alzheimer's/Dementia workshop for caregivers
- Living with Adult ADD/ADHD
- UPMC Physician Lecture
- Pittsburgh Documentary Film Festival
- Navigating the College Admissions Process
- College Application Boot Camp
- For Women: Dealing with Divorce

To register and for info, call 412/828-9520 x 215 or email coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net

TEEN PROGRAMS

- Open Stage Nights for Teens or Families
- After Hours Art Club
- DIY Desserts
- Catching Fire event:
- Book Swap & Book Bingo

To register and for info, call 412-828-9520 x 210

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Toddler story times/Preschool story times/Baby Lapsit story times
- Lego Days
- Family Game Day
- Movie Matinee
- Kids Karaoke
- Clay Pot Turkey Craft:
- 5th Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest:
- Pumpkin Painting and Magic Stories with Sarah Rubin
- Jeopardy for Kids
- Spooky Stories
- Birthday Book Club
- Moccasins & More
- Decorate a Mini-Gingerbread House

Registration required for Children's Programs.
Please call 412/828-9520 x 218



REMEMBER TO VOTE

Election Day is November 5th. Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM. Go to Allegheny County Election Department's website if you need to find your polling place at www.alleghenycounty.us/elect. 

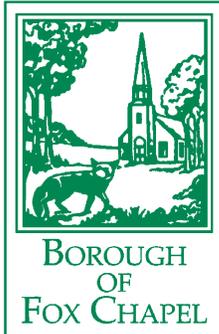
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**BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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

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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.**