

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2014

Mayor's Memo



We all need to know about the long journey of our leaves in the fall. I am not suggesting that the Borough wants to eliminate services to residents, but the more we know about the process of leaf removal, the more we may have interest in trying to compost on our properties to benefit the environment.

Borough trucks and staff pick up the leaves and haul them to farms and landscapers outside the Borough who are reimbursed by us to receive them. The leaves are processed or compost by the farmers and landscapers which can take a few years. When the Borough and its residents buy mulch and fertilizer from them, we may be buying back our own leaves that we paid to be removed through our taxes!

Some townships and boroughs require residents to bag leaves for removal or do not provide this service at all. This is not the Borough's intent, and it would be more costly for residents. The Borough's costs to do leaf removal are outlined below. We recognize that our properties are different and many smaller lots do not have a wooded area to dispose or compost leaves. There are others, though, who continue to drag leaves (even uphill) to get them to the road when they can be disposed of on their property for the good of the environment.

I would like to thank Councilman Jay Troutman and Public Works Director Dempsey Bruce for insight and contribution of this information.

Labor: Full time: 1,700 hours	\$ 87,856
Part time: 900 hours	\$ 15,633
	\$103,489 Total Labor

Truckloads of leaves: 451

Fuel: 2,686 Gal. @ \$3.30/gal. \$ 8,864

Disposal: Asphalt millings traded for leaf disposal;
value ranges from \$3,500 - \$10,000/year

Equipment used: 6 Borough trucks, 3 leaf vacuums

Please help keep your taxes low by recycling leaves!

Remember To Vote

*Election Day is November 4th.
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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Halloween Hours



Halloween will be celebrated on
Friday, 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.

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.



Christmas Tree Recycling

The Borough will provide a curbside pickup of Christmas trees. All trees must be brought **to the curb** by Wednesday, January 14th, 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 curb side 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



Collection will begin on Tuesday, October 14th, 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 cartway 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 1st. All leaves must be placed at the curb before December 1st. Due to the need to convert our trucks from collecting leaves to plowing snow and spreading salt, any leaves placed after December 1st 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 about leaf collection...

"I could simply blow your leaves into the woods for a lower cost than to haul 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."



Public Safety - Vegetation / Dead Tree Liability

Homeowners are advised to keep tree limbs, shrubbery and vegetation along the road frontage of property from impeding the view of the travelers which can affect the use of the road and cause a safety hazard. Vegetation must be trimmed back to a minimum of three (3) feet from the edge of the pavement or removed. Removal of the vegetation would eliminate a continuing maintenance concern.

Also because of potential liability and the prevalence of dead ash trees in the Borough, it is advised that property owners remove any dead trees or vegetation that may fall onto a Borough road.

Deer Management

During the 2013-2014 hunting season, a total of 120 deer were removed: 20 by vehicles, 23 by archers and 77 by the police sharpshooters. This compares with 108 deer removed the year before.

Saturday, September 20th, marks the beginning of archery season for white-tailed deer in Allegheny County. 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.



the GARDEN CLUB of ALLEGHENY COUNTY
celebrating it's 100th year, *presents*

PIZZAZZ
A BOUTIQUE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE
FOX CHAPEL GOLF CLUB

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Centennial Birthday Celebration/Preview Party & Boutique Shopping.
\$100 prepaid reservation, \$125 at door.

Friday, October 17, 2014, 9:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18, 2014, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Boutique Shopping.
\$10 admission, \$30 admission plus buffet luncheon.
Luncheon reservations required.

Saturday, October 18, 2014, 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
Speaker Mary Menniti:
The Italian Garden Project: connecting food, families & the earth.
Included with admission, reservations required, limited seating.

Reservations only: Laurie Johnson 412.720.6702 or lauriejohnson2@comcast.net.
Additional information: www.pizzazzpgh.org.

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. 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.



News From The Fire Department: False Fire Alarms

Every year the Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department responds to numerous false alarms and a typical response involves people leaving their jobs, dinner tables, family functions, holiday celebrations and sometimes getting up in the middle of the night. It also involves responding with almost \$1,000,000 worth of sophisticated equipment. Every response to a false alarm means needless wear and tear on that equipment and increases the chances for an accident involving volunteers and fellow residents.

We are local property owners and residents of the surrounding communities just like you. As volunteers, we care enough about the lives and property of our neighbors to willingly invest in many volunteer hours of training, education and preparation in order to properly respond to true emergency situations. We are not trying to discourage the use of alarm systems. Early fire detection equipment can save both lives and property. We just want residents to be familiar with their alarm system, maintain it properly and follow the standard operating procedures as outlined by the alarm company. Please take the time to review the alarm system and call the alarm company to have the system checked and repaired if necessary. We feel that by following these guidelines, we can significantly reduce the amount of needless false alarms and risk to our men and equipment.

The Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department meets every Tuesday at 7:30 PM at the Borough Building if you would like to meet us, have any questions or would like to learn more about the work we do. We can also be reached by e-mail at info@foxchapelvfd.com. Again, we thank you for your cooperation in helping us to better serve you.

Tennis Shoe Recycling Rid Yourself Of Your Dirty Smelly Sneakers!

The Fox Chapel Garden Club and local Girl Scouts are having their 7th annual recycling of sneakers which runs through October 1st. 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 various locations at The Waterworks. 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 1,500 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 Brownies 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!



Shady Side Academy

Fall Open House

Families interested in applying to Shady Side Academy for the 2015-2016 school year are invited to attend a fall open house to tour the campus, meet the faculty and school head and learn more about the SSA experience. RSVP online at www.shadysideacademy.org/visitus.

Junior School (PK-5, Point Breeze) Thursday, Oct. 16 9:15 AM
& Saturday, Nov. 8 10:00 AM

Middle School (6-8, Fox Chapel) Wednesday, Oct. 22 6:30 PM
Senior School (9-12, Fox Chapel) Saturday, Oct. 25 11:00 AM

*Explore SSA's online admissions viewbook to learn more at
www.ThankYouShadySide.org.*

Farmers Market

The Fox Chapel Farmers Market at Shady Side Academy is open **Wednesdays from 3-6 PM through October 29th** on the SSA Senior School campus. The market features locally sourced, seasonal produce, food and specialty items from farms and vendors within a 120-mile radius. In addition to fresh fruits and vegetables, vendors offer cheese, honey, eggs, grass-fed meats, desserts and handmade items. Enjoy live music and games while you're there!

Fox Chapel District Association

In 1928, a group of business leaders decided that they wanted to create the best new community in Pittsburgh. To do it, they formed the Fox Chapel District Association. Since then, FCDA has been instrumental in building, among other things, the Highland Park Bridge, Squaw Valley Park and its well-loved trail, two libraries and soon a beautiful new community center. In November, it will be three years since FCDA was at the forefront of the effort to purchase the Aspinwall Marina to become a riverfront park – and we are thrilled to announce that four acres of the park will open in mid to late October this year. ( Like us on Facebook Aspinwall Riverfront Park to be the first to know the exact date!) A reporter recently called the park, “the most innovative project going on in the whole City.” We think so and are looking forward to sharing more of what so many of you are helping to create. The park’s unique location – beside the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority and along the river - inspired the theme of the design, called “Raindrops to Rivers”. Mounds of earth ripple out from a center garden like a raindrop, with “rivers” of perennials flowing over them. Soon after buying the property we surveyed 1,800 people to determine what our community wanted in a park. The number one and two responses were trails and nature. The portion of the park opening in October delivers both: offering a 1/4 mile walking trail, native gardens, groves of trees, a boardwalk, a wetland garden designed to minimize waste water flowing into the river and a hillside amphitheater which showcases beautiful views of the river and the town. Like those early founders of FCDA, we still have big dreams for our new park and our community - foremost among them is creating the most unique river access in the region. We look forward to the privilege of continuing to work with you to make these dreams come true. Looking forward to seeing you at the park this fall!



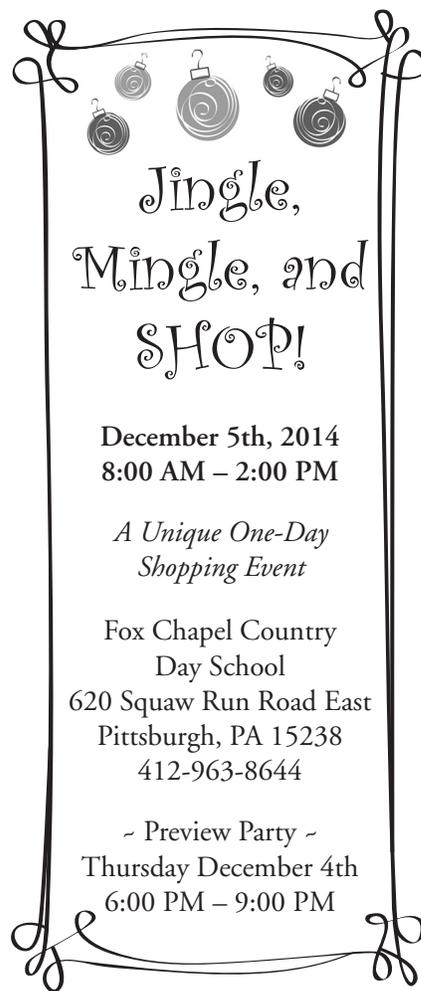
Foxwall EMS

Foxwall Emergency Medical Service was established in 1978. Since its beginning, Foxwall has remained an all-volunteer, non-profit organization providing emergency medical care to the residents of Fox Chapel, Aspinwall and Blawnox as well as neighboring communities when needed. Foxwall remains one of the only volunteer emergency medical services in Southwestern Pennsylvania not affiliated directly with a fire department.

Foxwall relies heavily on not only subscription and donation support from the members of the community but also volunteer support from the dedicated EMS personnel who contribute their time and talent to caring for the sick and injured of the community. Foxwall’s current roster includes many college students from local universities, many of whom are not even from this community, but are willing to contribute many long hours to assuring that the area we serve has appropriate emergency medical care. Foxwall believes that volunteers provide a greater level of care because it’s not a job, rather a personal mission or choice. Foxwall is looking for additional local volunteer EMTs and Paramedics to staff our station in Fox Chapel.

Just a few of the requirements for membership include, but are not limited to, a current Pennsylvania EMT or Paramedic certification, Emergency Vehicle Driver Training certificate, a CPR (Health Care Provider) card as well as a time commitment of 16 hours a month on-duty base coverage. Foxwall is happy to assist all applicants in completing all levels of required certification.

All qualified persons interested in a rewarding experience helping your fellow members of the community are asked to visit our website: www.foxwall.org for additional information, an on-line application and membership requirements, or you may contact Rick Duffy, Executive Director or Gordon Fisher, Operations Administrator, at 412-963-6611. We volunteer because your life depends on it!



Jingle,
Mingle, and
SHOP!

December 5th, 2014
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

*A Unique One-Day
Shopping Event*

Fox Chapel Country
Day School
620 Squaw Run Road East
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
412-963-8644

~ Preview Party ~
Thursday December 4th
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



NOVEMBER 6th – 6:00pm – 8:30pm

'VIP' PREVIEW PARTY

NOVEMBER 7th – 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 32ND YEAR!**

Thirty to forty juried artisans will be gathering again this year on Thursday evening, November 6th, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, and Friday, November 7th, 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 6th, 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 32 years come out to get a jump start on their holiday shopping. On Friday, November 7th, 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 32 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.



American Association of University Women (AAUW)

CAN GAMES AND SCHOOL MIX?

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 9:30 AM

Location: Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, 384 Fox Chapel Road

Speaker: Nikki Navta, CEO, Zulama

Could gaming help keep kids from dropping out of school? It's worth a try believes Nikki Navta, founder of the innovative new video software company Zulama. Re-engaging students who are turned off by school is just one of her objectives in developing video games that also deliver quantifiable educational outcomes. With a background in both mathematics and fine arts, as well as years of experience working with textbook publishers, Nikki recognized the need – and a terrific opportunity – to propel traditional learning materials into the digital age. Developed with the help of faculty at Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Center, Ms. Navta's programs mix lessons in science, technology, engineering and mathematics with a healthy dose of fun. Her video games for middle and high school students represent an energizing blend of both technology and creativity, resulting in new skill sets requiring collaboration, critical thinking, oral and written communication, and creative expression.

Join us for this dynamic and interactive presentation, in which audience members will be encouraged to become students again. Come prepared to LEARN, but don't expect a classroom anything like the one you remember! The public is welcome to attend this AAUW-sponsored presentation, and the program is free. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, philanthropy, education, and research.

*For more information, contact Lindsay Bond Totten, Publicity Chair, Fox Chapel Area Branch,
412-826-0626, Email: lbtotten@comcast.net*



JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL COOPER-SIEGEL COMMUNITY LIBRARY "ALL-TERRAIN" 5K RUN/WALK!

What – Proceeds from the Cooper-Siegel Community Library "All-Terrain" 5k Run/Walk will benefit the Library's operating fund. Your participation helps us continue our mission to *cultivate a community of lifelong learners.*

When & Where – Saturday, November 8th, 9:30 a.m. at Shady Side Academy 423 Fox Chapel Rd. Due to the mixed terrain of this race, no strollers or dogs are permitted. The race course winds through the campus grounds, trails and athletic fields. Participants will finish on the Main Quad in the center of campus. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the race on the Main Quad. Parking is available in the first lot on the left once you enter the campus.

Race Information – Register by completing this form and returning it to the library along with your registration fee or register online at <https://register.chronotrack.com/reg/form?eventID=9393>. Late registration and race packet pickup will be at Shady Side Academy on November 8th from 8:00-9:15 a.m. This event will be timed by Elite Runners and Walkers using the Chronotrack Timing System.

Awards – Awards will be presented to the top male and top female finishers overall plus the top male and top female finishers in each of the following age categories: 10 and under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

Detach Here

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age as of _____ 11/8/14
 Gender _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age as of _____ 11/8/14
 Gender _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

[] 5k Run or [] 5k Walk Entry fee: \$25 before Nov. 8th/\$30 on Nov. 8th
Please make checks payable to Cooper-Siegel Community Library. Fee is non-refundable.

Mail or bring form & payment to: Cooper-Siegel Community Library, 403 Fox Chapel Rd., Pittsburgh, PA

T-shirt size: [] Adult small [] Adult medium [] Adult large [] Adult x-large

(T-shirts guaranteed to the first 100 registrants)

Waiver – Please read and sign before submitting.

In consideration of accepting this entry, I, the below signed, intending to be legally bound herein, for myself, my heirs, my executors, administrators and assigns waive and release any and all claims for damages I may have against Cooper-Siegel Community Library, Elite Runners and Walkers and any and all sponsors for this event, their officers, directors, agents, employees and any representative thereof, their successors and assigns, for any and all injuries suffered by me, and any nature whatsoever, in this event. I understand that a footrace is a potentially hazardous activity and I hereby certify that I am medically able and physically fit to participate in this event, that I am properly trained and that my physical ability to participate has been verified and confirmed by a licensed medical doctor.

 Signature Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 Date



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

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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.

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HEARING BOARD**

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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.**