

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Memo

There will be an Open House at the Borough Building on Saturday, October 17, 11 AM - 1 PM. We will have a brief tour of your Borough Building space so residents can see how it functions. We expect to have some longtime residents there to discuss Fox Chapel history for anyone interested, and we will look at the historical maps and photographs on display. We look forward to a very informal and hopefully informative gathering. Also, we will have available information on the MS4 program so residents can understand why we have these requirements which are mandated by Federal and State laws.

With leaf season in full swing we remind residents to compost and/or put their leaves in wooded areas wherever possible to benefit the environment.

Congratulations to retired Mayor Phil Osborne on his recent 100th birthday!

~ Alex Scott



Halloween Hours



Halloween will be celebrated on Saturday, 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.



Remember To Vote

*Election Day is
November 3rd.
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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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 Disposal 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.



Fall Leaf Collection

Collection will begin on October 13th (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 November 23rd. All leaves must be placed at the curb before November 23rd. ***Any leaves placed after November 23rd 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. **Note: Starting this year, the leaf collection season will be shorter. Each year it becomes more difficult to collect leaves in December due to the need to salt roads that requires the removal of leaf boxes and replacing with salt equipment. This would be the year to begin composting, mulching in place or placing leaves in wooded areas of your property and remind landscapers to do the same.**

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."



Christmas Tree Recycling

The Borough will provide a *curb-side* pickup of Christmas trees. All trees must be brought to the curb by Wednesday, January 13th, 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 is not contracted to collect Christmas trees.



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.



Snow removal/street parking

Residents are reminded that street parking is prohibited during periods of snowfall, ice accumulation and inclement weather. Vehicles parked on public roads during the deposit or accumulation of snow or ice present a traffic hazard and impair the Borough's ability to effectively remove all snow or ice from the roads in a safe and expedient manner.

The Police Department is authorized to tow any vehicle parked along any public roadway during inclement weather. In a related matter, it is also unlawful for residents to shovel any snow from any driveway/sidewalk/private road onto any public road. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.





Deer Management

During the 2014-2015 hunting season, a total of 142 deer were removed: 27 by vehicles, 27 by archers and 88 by the police sharpshooters. This compares with 120 deer removed the year before.

Saturday, September 19th, was 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 remove 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.



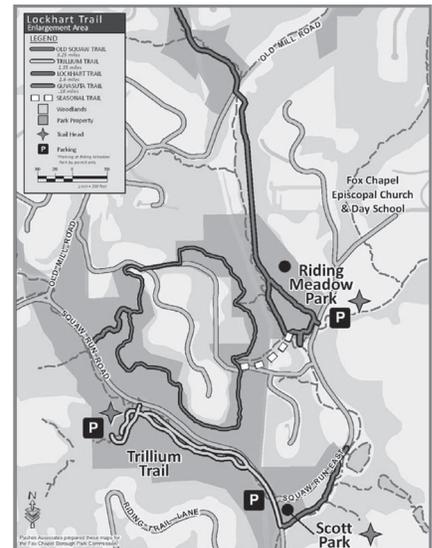
IN PENNSYLVANIA... AN ESTIMATED 450,000 PEOPLE PER MONTH MEET A PART OF THEIR FOOD NEEDS THROUGH A FOOD PANTRY/CUPBOARD OR SOUP KITCHEN.

If you have any questions about the Borough's program, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Laux at 412-850-5024.



Trail building day

Mayor Scott has announced that the Borough's second trail building day will be Saturday, November 14, from 9 AM until noon. All volunteers are welcome who are interested in helping construct the trail along Squaw Run Road East. Please meet at the parking lot across from Riding Meadow Park at 9 AM.



Private Stormwater Management Facility Requirements



As part of its MS4 Program, the Borough is mandated by the DEP and EPA to annually inspect all public and private storm water management facilities. Regular maintenance of storm water management facilities helps ensure proper functioning, longevity and public safety. If your *home* was built or an addition added since 2003, you may have a facility that will be inspected within the next year. Installation and maintenance of storm water management facilities is required as a condition for a building permit including execution of a Private Maintenance Agreement. This Agreement creates a legally binding obligation for private owners to maintain their facilities on a regular basis. There are 195 stormwater management facilities Borough wide with 166 of these

facilities maintained by individual residents. Results of inspections are given to the land owner for corrective action, if any. Additional information on maintaining storm water management facilities can be found on the Borough website under the Storm Water Management tab at www.fox-chapel.pa.us.



What we feed into our storm drains can poison our rivers.

When the rain falls and the snow melts, a flood of water runs off our roofs, roads and yards and down into our streets. Everything the water touches is swept down streets, fed directly into our storm drains and then flows out into our rivers—the major source of our drinking water.

Trash. Paint. Oil. Fertilizers. Animal waste. Anything in the path of the storm water can find its way to our rivers through our storm drains. But there is something we can do about it. In fact,



a lot of dedicated people and municipalities are working on it right now. You can help too.

Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden products. Properly dispose of oil, paints and other household chemicals. And please, don't litter the street or the landscape.

To find out more, visit our website. And discover how to keep our rivers from going down the drain.

3 Rivers
Wet Weather
Demonstration Program 

Clean water starts in our own backyard. Go to 3riverswetweather.org for a free guide on how you can help.

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 is not completely 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 ruins skating for all. 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.



Fox Chapel District Association

The Fox Chapel District Association (FCDA) is gearing up for another busy year in the community. We are currently planning a few events for the winter to help combat the wintertime blues. The first of which that is soon to be announced will be the date for the Foxes Wild party. It will be a very fun night to get you out of the house to play some cards, have a few drinks, and enjoy each other’s company. It promises to be a great time. The FCDA Board Members will be selling tickets soon.

This is an early announcement but next year will be a Follies year and any one that has been knows this is a party not to be missed. Each time we have held this event over the last ten years, every single night has been sold out. In order to ensure that you get your tickets, please make sure that your membership to the FCDA is up to date. Our current members are the first (and often only) people to receive the opportunity to purchase tickets and is unlikely that any will be available to the general public since our members snatch them up so quickly.

We use all the money that we raise and all membership dues to benefit the various communities in the Fox Chapel School District. To ensure that you don’t miss out on either of the above opportunities, and to get the most up to date information, please visit our website www.foxchapedistrictassociation.org. You can join the FCDA under the Membership tab and join our mailing list under the *Contact Us* tab. Thank you in advance for your support!



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 and Aspinwall 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 not only on 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 assure 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 but 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 (HealthCare 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 4th, 2015 • 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 3rd • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Backpack for Hunger Preventing Weekend Hunger for Fox Chapel Area Children



Childhood hunger is widespread.

One in 5 children have no idea when or where or if they will have their next meal. Nearly 800 children in the Fox Chapel Area School district are on the free and reduced lunch program. These children have breakfast and lunch during the school week, but what about the weekends and the summers?

The **Backpack for Hunger Program** is a year-round collaborative effort between the Fox Chapel area schools, local congregations, and individuals to provide weekend care bags of nutritious food for area children. No child should have a weekend without food. **Your help is needed.** There are several ways to donate:

- A \$24 donation provides one child with weekend care bags of food for one month. Donations can be made to “Backpack for Hunger” 261 W. Chapel Ridge Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Sam’s Club and Giant Eagle
- Non-perishable food donations such as cans of soup, ravioli, spaghetti; Ramen noodles; single serve bowls of macaroni & cheese, cereal, applesauce, instant oatmeal, fruit, peanut butter (or jars); breakfast/granola bars; individual bags of pretzels/fruit snacks

For more information, please contact Lisa Bowden, 412/418-6254 or lbowden11@comcast.net.



Tennis Shoe Recycling Get Rid of Your Dirty Smelly Sneakers!

The Fox Chapel Garden Club and local Girl Scout Troops are sponsoring their 8th annual sneaker recycling from now until October 23rd. Look for brightly colored boxes at local private schools, Cooper-Siegel Library, Boyd Community Center, Fox Chapel Presbyterian, St. Joseph’s Church, area exercise facilities, country clubs and racquet clubs. The sneakers are sorted into usable and not usable groups. The usable are taken to local charities to be given away. The worn out shoes are packed and shipped to Nike’s “Reuse-A-Shoe” program where they are ground and reused as playground mats, running tracks and basketball courts.

Each year about 1,000 pair of shoes are collected, and several hundred pairs are given away. The program is a triple win: the shoes never go into a landfill, almost no new materials are used to making the new athletic products, and young people gain an understanding and enthusiasm for environmental causes. The Girl Scouts involved are fifth graders from Fairview (#53086) and ninth graders from the high school (#50139).

Please look in your closets for those sneakers that do not fit or are worn out and bring to a recycling box! Shoes with metal cleats or shanks cannot be accepted. The environment, neighbors in need, local Girl Scouts and Fox Chapel Garden Club thank you!!



Shady Side Academy

Fall Open House

Families interested in applying to Shady Side Academy for the 2016-2017 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. 22 9:15 AM
& Saturday, Nov. 7 10:00 AM

Middle School (6-8, Fox Chapel) Wednesday, Oct. 29 6:30 PM

Senior School (9-12, Fox Chapel) Saturday, Oct. 31 11:00 AM

Visit Shady Side's online admissions viewbook at www.ShineAtShadySide.org.



Fox Chapel Farmers Market Open through Oct. 28



The Fox Chapel Farmers Market at Shady Side Academy is open Wednesdays from 3-6 PM through Oct. 28 on the SSA Senior School campus, 423 Fox Chapel Road. The market features locally sourced, seasonal produce, food and specialty items from farms and vendors within a 120-mile radius, including the SSA farm. In addition to fresh fruits and vegetables, vendors offer

cheese, honey, eggs, grass-fed meats, desserts and handmade items. Visit www.ShadySideAcademy.org/FarmersMarket to learn more.

Hillman Performing Arts Series

The 2015-2016 Hillman Performing Arts Series features a diverse lineup of family-friendly shows. Performances are Saturdays and Sundays at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts on the Shady Side Academy Senior School campus, 423 Fox Chapel Road. Learn more and buy tickets at www.thehillman.org or call 412-968-3040.

Sat., Oct. 17, 7:30 PM – King Michael: A Glorious Tribute to the King of Pop

Sat., Nov. 14, 7:30 PM – Cas Public Presents: Symphonie Dramatique

Sat., Feb. 20, 7:30 PM – Winter Ice Solstice

Sat., Mar. 12, 7:30 PM – The Greatest Pirate Story
Never Told!

Sun., Apr. 24, 3:30 PM – The Jive Aces: Jump, Jive & Wail

Sun. May 15, 3:30 PM – Special Event: Garrison Keillor



American Association of University Women



Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 9:30 AM
Location: Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church
Speaker: Daniel Simpson, Associate Editor, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

Timely. Edgy. Perhaps even controversial. We will not know until our distinguished speaker, journalist Daniel Simpson of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette arrives. That is because the news we will discuss has not happened yet and may still be unfolding at the time of his presentation. Events do not get more 'current' than that. Join us for Dan Simpson's take on what is making news and impacting our lives. He will also share his opinion on how journalists help shape our views of world events through words, actions, and the tough decisions they make every day about what is 'newsworthy'.

Mr. Simpson is associate editor for both the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Toledo Blade, specializing in international reporting for the two papers. He brings extensive experience in world affairs to bear. Ambassador Simpson – he was a diplomat with the U.S. Foreign Service for 35 years and served as our nation's ambassador to several African nations – is sure to strike a lively note as he engages members and guests in this interactive conversation of current events. The public is welcome to attend this free AAUW-sponsored presentation.



The Fox Chapel Newcomers' Club

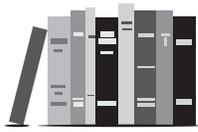
The Fox Chapel Newcomers' Club is inviting anyone new to the area (five years or less) living in the Fox Chapel Area School District to join their monthly meetings on the second Friday of each month, September to May. Meetings are held at 9:30 AM at Beechwood Farms, 614 Dorseyville Road. Babysitting is available at each meeting for a nominal fee. The upcoming meetings are: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 4*, January 8, February 5, March 11, April 8, and May 13*.

*Location TBA for these meetings; there is a fee to attend

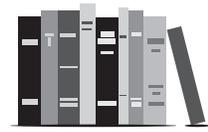
The Fox Chapel Newcomers' Club welcomes new residents, hears noteworthy speakers and organizes social and community outreach events at each meeting. For more information, please visit www.FoxChapelNewcomers.org or www.Facebook.com/FoxChapelNewcomers.

Glitter & Glow

The Annual Glitter and Glow event for the Fox Chapel Garden Club will be held on December 2, 2015 from 7 to 9 PM at the Fox Chapel Golf Club. Please contact Cris Scott via email for reservations at cris.scott125@gmail.com. See *Insert* for additional information and for mail-in reservations.



Cooper-Siegel



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ADULT PROGRAMS

- **Coins in the Ashes:** A family story of grief, gratitude and grace on October 11 at 2 PM: Pittsburgh-born writer, musician and award-winning public radio journalist Joe McHugh tells the story of his twelve-year quest to find the family of an African-American woman named Helen who cared for him in his childhood and helped his family survive terrible tragedy. Storyteller Joe McHugh has traveled the back roads of America meeting people and telling their stories which have been featured on NPR's Morning Edition, public radio stations and Voice of America. Contact the Reference Department at 412/828-9520 ext. 15 to reserve a seat.

- Civics for Grown-Ups
- Backyard Composting Workshop sponsored by Pennsylvania Resources Council.
- Library Walking Program
- Adventures in the Burg
- Sunday Music Series
- Get Fit with Elena.
- Book Discussion Groups
- Computer Classes
- E-readers and tables available to check out with bestselling book titles
- Free Streaming and Downloadable Music and Movies
- Free Continuing Education Courses
- Free eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines
- Library Delivery to Homebound Residents

For more information and a complete list of programs, send an email to coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net or call the Reference Dept. at 412/828-9520 x 15

TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-registration is required for all events by calling 412/828-9520 x 13

MOTHER DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB

- Teen Newsletter

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Registration Required for Children's Programs.
Call 412/828-9520 x 18

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Toddler Story Times
- Preschool Story Times
- Baby Lap-sit
- Our Stories, Our Community Contest
- Pumpkin Painting and Story time
- Spooky Stories with Alison Babusci
- Earth's Good Dinosaur
- Decorate a Mini-Gingerbread House
- Star Wars Day
- Lego Days
- Movie Matinee
- Board & Card Games
- Children's Book Club Forming
- Birthday Book Club



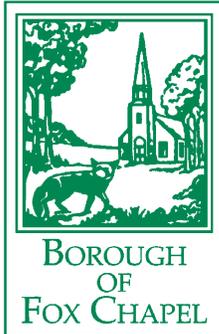
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**BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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

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Maria Harrington
Dotty Nielsen
Liz Nelson

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.

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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.**