

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Memo

On October 22nd, we will have another Open House at the Borough Building from 11 AM – 1 PM to look back at Fox Chapel history. Last fall, the well-attended event included time to look at old photos and maps on display. The Hardie family (Frances wrote the book about Fox Chapel history) was there along with other contributors with knowledge of early Borough residents and events. This year we will focus on the 38 historic homes and buildings in the Borough and welcome anyone with knowledge about any of these structures. A list is posted in the Borough Building, and please contact me with any questions. We look forward to an interesting event - mark your calendars!

I hope you have noticed the new trail along Squaw Run Road. The pedestrian bridges will soon be in place! We thank the Park Commission and Public Works Department for their efforts on this project.

I would like to also thank all of the volunteer trail "stewards" as we come to the end of our first season of keeping a closer eye on the trails. They include: Pat Scully, Mardi and Jim Royston, Scott Family, Scott Peterson and his Shady Side students, Lois Folino, Scot and Rachel (Lockhart) Stevens, Richard Wendell and Britton Wean.

Leaf season is in full swing, so we remind residents to compost and/or put leaves in wooded areas wherever possible to benefit the environment. Less hauling of leaves by Borough trucks will allow more time for the many pending projects. Remember the journey of the leaves in our trucks: Staff picks up leaves and hauls them to farms and landscapers outside the Borough who are paid to take them. Several years later when they are processed or composted residents may be buying back the same leaves for mulch and fertilizer!

-Alex Scott-



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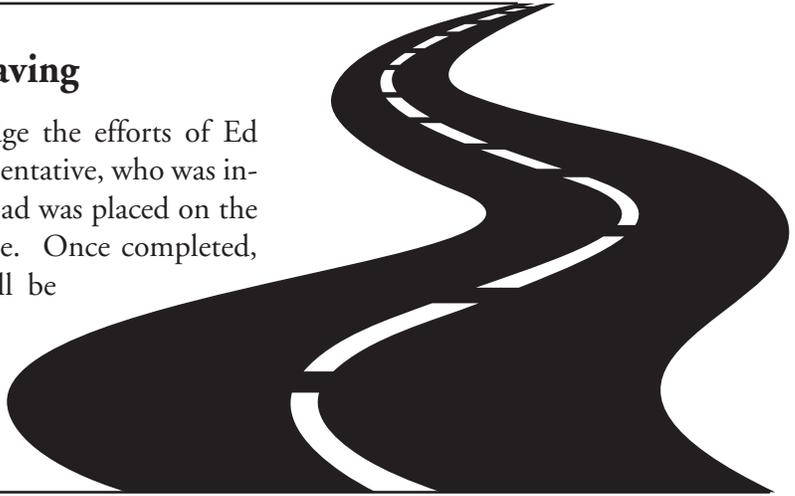
Remember to Vote

Election Day is November 8th. 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. You can also register to vote or obtain an Absentee Ballot application on the site.



Fox Chapel Road Paving

The Borough would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ed Kress, Allegheny County Council Representative, who was instrumental in seeing that Fox Chapel Road was placed on the Allegheny County 2016 paving schedule. Once completed, the new drainage and road surface will be welcomed by all who use the roadway. Thank you Mr. Kress!



Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule and Driveway Reminder

Garbage will not be collected on Thanksgiving Day thus delaying garbage collection one day for the remainder of the week. There will be no delay in the garbage collection schedule for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

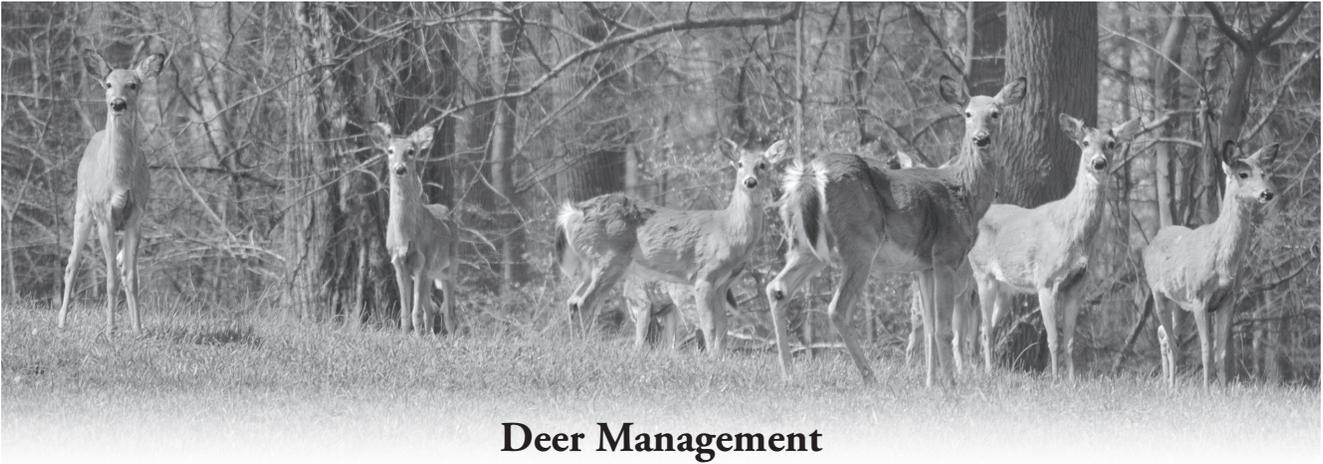
With winter weather approaching, Vogel Disposal would also like to remind residents to keep driveways clear of snow and ice. If the driveway is not accessible due to dangerous/slippery conditions, garbage will not be collected. If bad weather is predicted on collection day, it is recommended that the garbage cans be placed at the curb to ensure pickup. Your cooperation is appreciated. Call Vogel directly for a missed garbage collection or any collection problems toll free at 1-855/494-3345 and press 1 for Customer Service. Please do not call the Borough office – you will be instructed to call Vogel directly.



Change in Rubbish Bin Holiday Schedule

There will be a change in the days the rubbish bins are open for the upcoming holiday season. This year, the Christmas and New Year's holidays fall on the same days the rubbish bins are open. The rubbish bins will be closed Saturday and Sunday, December 24 & 25, and Saturday and Sunday, December 31 and January 1. *In exchange, the rubbish bins will be open Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, from 10 AM – 4 PM.* The rubbish bin weekend hours will return to normal following the New Year's holiday. Please make a note of the changes. Thank you!





Deer Management

During the 2015-2016 hunting season, a total of 164 deer were removed: 15 by vehicles, 39 by archers and 110 by the police sharpshooters. This compares with 142 deer removed the year before.

Saturday, September 17, 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. 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 412/850-5024.



Park Donation

The Park Commission would like to thank the Yates family for donating three park benches in memory of their mother, Mary Louise Yates, who lived in the Borough for 62 years and enjoyed the Borough's parks while living in Fox Chapel.



Non-Emergency Police Department Telephone Number

For a non-emergency police matter, please call the police office at 412/963-7220. Leave a voicemail message if no answer. Remember to always call 911 for any emergency.





Fall Leaf Collection

Collection will begin on October 12th (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 remove the leaves. 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 28. All leaves must be placed at the curb before November 28th. *Any leaves placed after November 28 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 reminder to residents that the leaf collection season is 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. Leaf composting and placing leaves in wooded areas of your property is highly recommended 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."



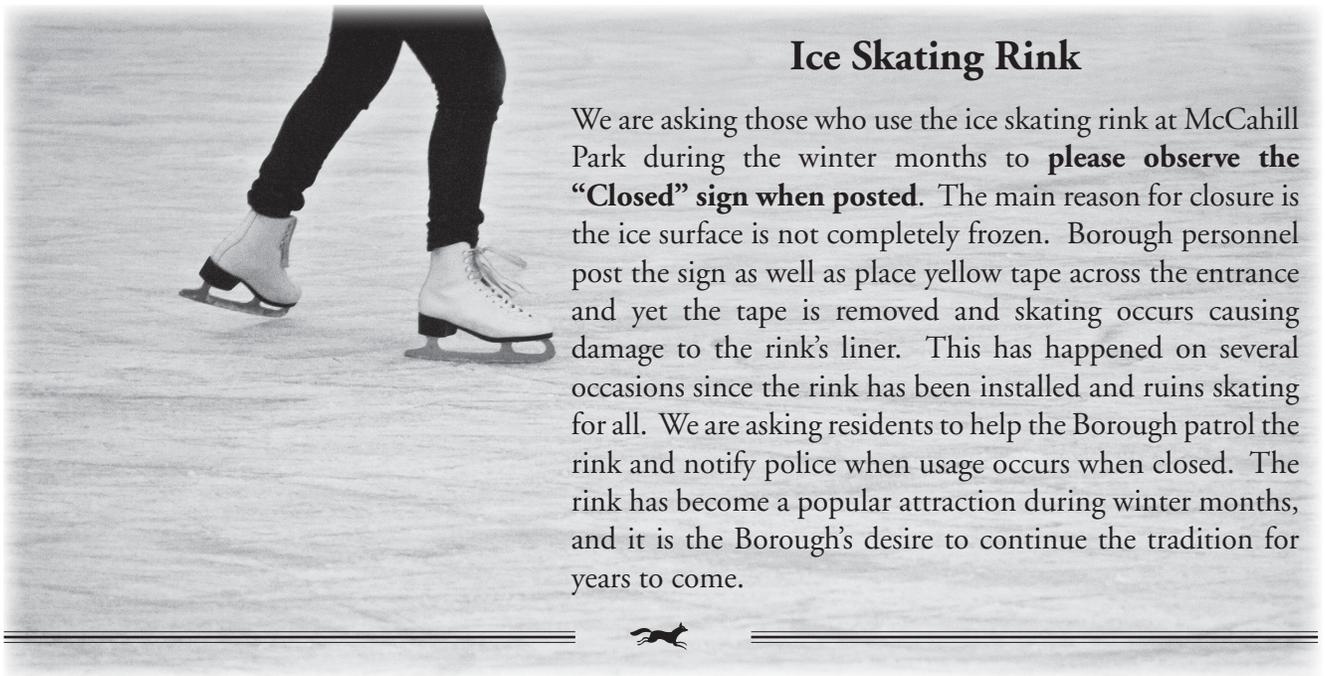
Halloween Hours

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.



What are the Regulations For...

The Borough receives many calls questioning regulations for items such as signs, lighting, grass height, etc. You can get an answer by going to the Borough website (www.fox-chapel.pa.us). All Borough ordinances are available on the website under Government/Code of Ordinances. Type a keyword in *Search* to find the desirable information.



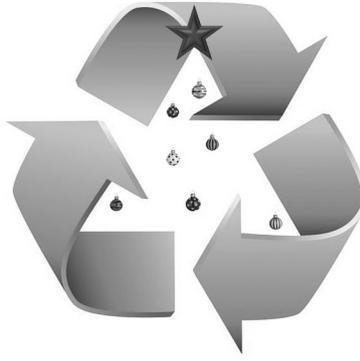
Ice Skating Rink

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.



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. 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.



Brush Collection

A reminder to residents that there is no brush collection in the fall. Brush collection occurs in March and April. Information will appear in the Winter Newsletter.



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.



Roadside Vegetation Maintenance Homeowner Responsibility

The Borough continues to receive complaints from residents regarding overgrown intersections and dead trees along roadways. All vegetation along property lines, especially at intersections, must be trimmed back three (3) feet from the road pavement. Vegetation not properly maintained can create vision problems and other hazardous conditions. Residents are also reminded to remove dead trees in the road right-of-way. Dead trees pose a public safety hazard. It is the resident's responsibility to remove any tree that falls from private property onto the roadway. The Borough may need to move the tree to the side of the road to open the roadway but is not responsible for cutting and removing the tree. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Stop Delivery of Telephone Directories

Did you know that you can stop delivery of telephone directories?

Here's how you do it:

- Access the National Yellow Pages Consumer Choice and Opt-Out Site at www.yellowpagesoptout.com.
- Register providing all required information including a valid phone number.
- You will receive an email containing a temporary password and link to the site.
- Use the link to return to the site and make directory choices or opt-out of all directories. You can stop delivery by choosing "0".
- Submit your selections.
- Receive a confirmation email for your records.



Tennis Shoe Recycling Get Rid of Your Dirty Smelly Sneakers!

The Fox Chapel Garden Club and local Girl Scout Troops are sponsoring their 9th annual sneaker recycling from now until October 16th. Look for brightly colored boxes at local private schools, Cooper-Siegel Library, Lauri Ann West 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 donated to organizations



that will recycle them in a variety of creative ways.

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 6th graders from Dorseyville Middle School and 10th graders from the high school.

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!!



Glitter & Glow

The Annual Glitter and Glow event for the Fox Chapel Garden Club will be held on December 7, 2016 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.



The Women's Board of Pittsburgh Silver Jubilee

Please join us at the Fox Chapel Golf Club on Friday, January 27, 2017, as we celebrate 25 years of giving. Since our founding in 1991, the Women's Board of Pittsburgh has raised over \$500,000 for different nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is to promote the welfare and development of children in the Greater Pittsburgh area. We are thrilled to announce that our 2017 Beneficiary is the Sharpsburg Community Library - right in our own backyard! Proceeds will go toward the Full STEAM Ahead Program. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) activities provide elementary, school-age children an opportunity to learn by doing which enhances what is taught in school and helps to level the playing field for them.

10:00 AM.

Auctions and Raffle

11:00 AM.

Cooking demonstration with Carol Herrick, Gourmet Chef, and Susan Moats, Chocolate Chef, from *The Greenbrier*

12:15 PM

Luncheon and Fashion Show compliments of Carabella

Please visit our website **WOMENSBOARDPITTSBURGH.ORG** for ticket information.



Fox Chapel Newcomers' Club

The Fox Chapel Newcomers' Club invites 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 Christ Church Fox Chapel, 630 Squaw Run Road East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Babysitting is available at each meeting for a nominal fee.

The upcoming meetings are:

Friday, October 14 - Hal English, Pennsylvania State Legislator representing the 30th Legislative District

Friday, November 11 - Stefania Romoff, will highlight Animal Friends, a local no-kill animal shelter

Friday, December 9 - Holiday Luncheon, Pittsburgh Field Club

Friday, January 13 - Karen Henery of Three Rivers Tea, certified tea master, will show us "The Way of the Tea"

Friday, February 10 - Rebecca Drake, author of "Only Ever You"

Friday, March 10 - Dr. Alan Lantzy, neonatologist and March of Dimes board member

Friday, April 7 - Bill Nichols, Director of Operations and Visitor Services for The Frick Pittsburgh

Friday, May 12 - Spring Luncheon, Pittsburgh Field Club

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.



Shady Side Academy

Fall Admissions Open Houses

Families interested in applying to Shady Side Academy for the 2017-2018 school year are invited to attend a fall admissions open house. Events will be held at all four campuses, including Fox Chapel Country Day School, which will become Shady Side's second PK-5 campus in 2017. RSVP online at www.ShadySideAcademy.org/Visit.

Junior School – Point Breeze (PK-5)	Thursday, Oct. 20	9:15 AM
Fox Chapel Country Day School (PK-5)	Sunday, Oct. 30	2:00 PM
Middle School – Fox Chapel (6-8)	Thursday, Oct. 27	6:30 PM
Senior School – Fox Chapel (9-12)	Saturday, Oct. 29	11:00 AM

Fox Chapel Farmers Market

The Fox Chapel Farmers Market is open Wednesdays from 3-6 PM through October 26 on the Shady Side Academy Senior School campus. The market features locally sourced, seasonal produce, food and specialty items from local farms and vendors including the SSA Farm. In addition to fresh fruits and vegetables, vendors offer honey, grass-fed meats, desserts and handmade items. Learn more at www.ShadySideAcademy.org/FarmersMarket.

Hillman Performing Arts Series

The 2016-2017 Hillman Performing Arts Series features a great lineup of family-friendly shows. All shows are Saturdays, 7:30 PM, at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts. Learn more and buy tickets at www.TheHillman.org.

- Sep. 17 – Special Event: Steppin' Out Live With Ben Vereen
- Oct. 22 – Masters of the Mind
- Nov. 12 – Rhythmic Circus
- Feb. 18 – Committed
- Mar. 11 – Playing By Air!
- Apr. 8 – The Step Crew

Free Parent Education Program

Shady Side Academy welcomes clinical psychologist Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair for a free parent education program on Wednesday, November 9, 7 PM, in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts on the SSA Senior School campus. Dr. Steiner-Adair is the author of the award-winning book *The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age*. The program is open to the public. Learn more at www.ShadySideAcademy/ParentEducation.



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 those streets and 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.



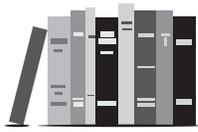
Clean water starts in our own backyard. Go to 3riverswetweather.org for a free guide on how you can help.



Rotary Community Appreciation Day

Fox Chapel area, Sharpsburg/Aspinwall and Oakmont Rotary Clubs will hold their Community Appreciation Day event on Sunday, October 16th, noon – 4 PM, at Squaw Valley Park in O'Hara Township. There will be games, food booths, music, emergency personnel and equipment and karate and dance demonstrations. Visit <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/4994> for more information.





Cooper-Siegel

COMMUNITY LIBRARY



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ADULT PROGRAMS

- Library Walking Program
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- Passages & Prose
- Strengthen and Tone Class
- Adventures in the Burgh
- Tea and Lunch at the Library
- DIY Craft & Hobby Nights
- Sunday Music Series
- Tango Dance Lessons
- Watercolor lessons and painting group
- Knitting Group
- Book Discussion Groups
- Get Organized with Professional Organizer Jill Yesko

COMPUTER CLASSES

- Computers for Beginners, Ebay, Microsoft Word, Excel, Tablets, and more.
- E-readers and tablets 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@einetwork.net or call the Reference Department at 412/828-9520 x 15. Consider donating your used books, DVDs, and more to the library - your donation is tax-deductible.

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

- Toddler Story Times
- Pajama Story Times
- Preschool Story Times
- Baby Lapsit/Baby & Me
- Pumpkin Painting
- Star Wars Reads Day
- Spooky Crafts
- Spooky Stories with Alison Babusci
- Moccasins and More with Barbara Kaczor
- Decorate a Gingerbread House Mini
- Lego Days and Movie Matinees
- Birthday Book Club

Registration is required. Please register by calling the Children's Department at 412/828-9520 x 18.

TEEN PROGRAMS

- Teen Read Week
- Teen Crafters NightSprinkles and Smiles Cooking Class
- Mother Daughter Book Club
- Science Fiction Book Club
- Teen Newsletter

Registration is required. Please register by calling the Teen Department at 412/828-9520 x 10.



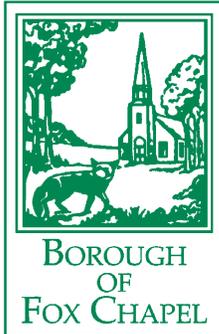
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Public Works 412-850-5026
Sewer Department.. 412-850-5030

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.**