

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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THE NEW PLAYGROUND NEXT TO McCaHILL!



You may have noticed the fox watching over the children in the new playground located next to McCaHill Field. Do not worry, it is part of the plan to provide for and engage the younger children in the community. We recognized that younger brothers and sisters accompany the family to team sporting events at McCaHill did not have anything to do. With this need in mind, we de-

signed a playground for the younger child, as a safe place to run, jump, and climb and to engage in imaginary play with friends in the community. So, the next time the big brother or sister has a soccer, baseball, lacrosse or field hockey game, do not hesitate to bring the younger

ones along. There are many fun things to play on, such as swings, pull-up bars, a cave-climber, rocking-riders, and a new fort, set in the trees and with a slide and a musical xylophone. In addition to the play equipment, artwork in the form of wild animal woodcarvings can engage a child's imagination. A thoughtful fox and a slithering snake are ready for imaginative play of all

sorts! More animals to come from the Laurel Highlands based artist Joseph King - the "Treecarver". Look for a bear, a hawk, a deer or a raccoon, soon, the next time you visit. The play set was made possible in part by an anonymous donation. The donor hopes the donation will encourage others to help the Borough achieve its goal of continuing to upgrade the parks in accordance with the Parks Master Plan. 🐾



Call for Volunteers!

Garlic Mustard Pull at Salamander Park

Saturday April 23 and Sunday 24

9 AM – 11 AM and 1 PM – 3 PM

Please participate in an effort to remove the dreaded invasive Garlic Mustard from Salamander Park. It should be a fun and constructive activity. It is important that we pull this plant before it seeds and spreads. This is a fantastic opportunity to spend time outside with family and friends, and to help restore our parks to their original natural state. Please come, rain or shine, with two large plastic garbage bags and gardening gloves.

A small hand spade or hoe can help to loosen surrounding earth and ease removal. 🐾

Volunteer for litter and trail cleanup

The Borough's spring "Redd-Up" Day is Saturday, April 16th. Volunteers will be meeting at 10 AM at McCaHill Park. Vests, gloves and bags are provided by Allegheny CleanWays. 🐾

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How to identify Garlic Mustard

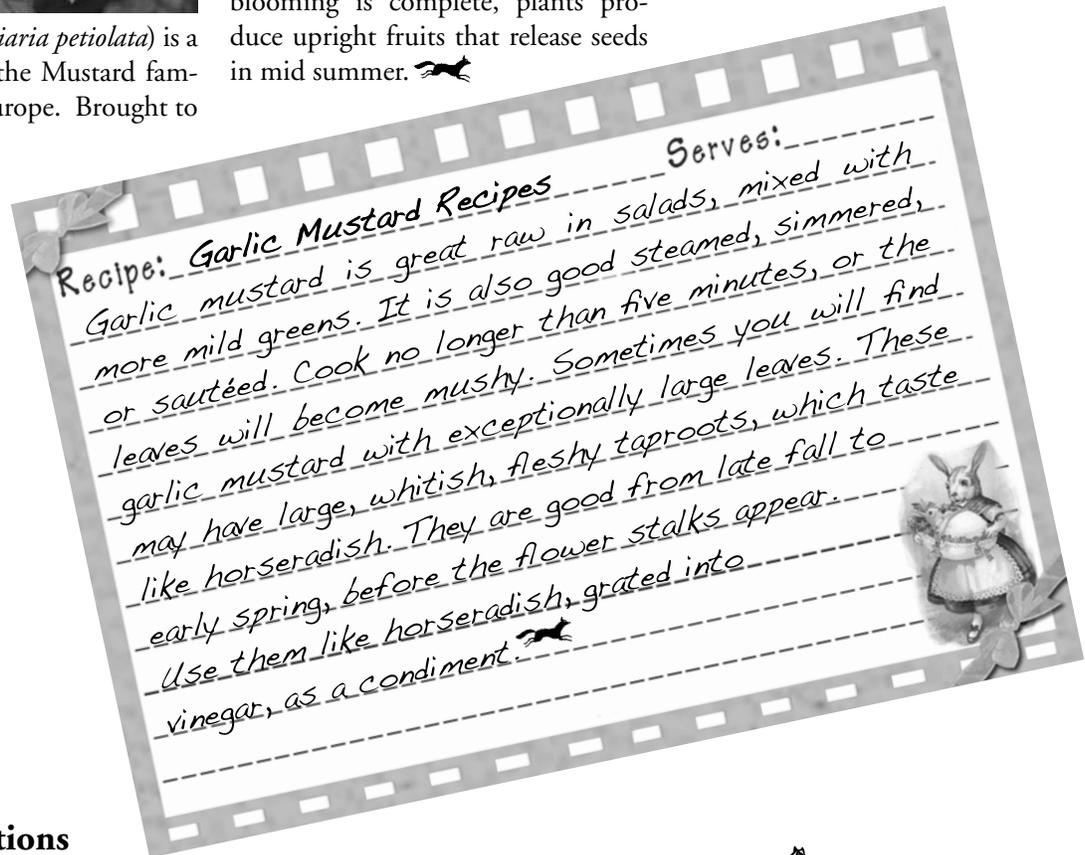


Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a flowering plant in the Mustard family. It is native to Europe. Brought to

the Americas for its easy cultivation, it is now crowding out indigenous flowers and plants. In the first year of growth, plants form attractive clumps of round shaped, slightly wrinkled leaves, that *when crushed smells like garlic*. The next year plants flower in spring, producing cross-shaped white flowers in dense clusters. When blooming is complete, plants produce upright fruits that release seeds in mid summer. 🐾

Trail Map

The Borough has a trail map that reflects all maintained trails. This map is useful for discovering the many trails in the Borough. Color copies are available on the website (www.fox-chapel.pa.us) or at the Borough office. 🐾



Recipe: Garlic Mustard Recipes Serves: _____
Garlic mustard is great raw in salads, mixed with more mild greens. It is also good steamed, simmered, or sautéed. Cook no longer than five minutes, or the leaves will become mushy. Sometimes you will find garlic mustard with exceptionally large leaves. These may have large, whitish, fleshy taproots, which taste like horseradish. They are good from late fall to early spring, before the flower stalks appear. Use them like horseradish, grated into vinegar, as a condiment. 🐾

Donations

The Borough would like to thank the Fox Chapel Garden Club for another \$1,000 gift to the Park Commission for plantings in the Trillium Trail. The Park Commission always welcomes gifts for its parks. The playground at McCahill Field is one area where tree plantings are needed.

The Borough would also like to thank the Fox Chapel District Association for its continued support of \$500 to help defray newsletter costs. 🐾



Invasive Species

A reminder to residents to visit www.aswp.org for information about invasive species in our area as spring approaches and gardening activities begin. 🐾

Recommended read

The Park Commission is recommending "A Weed by Any Other Name" by **Nancy Gift**. In a very readable way, she discusses the benefits of having weeds in your lawn. She is assistant professor of environmental studies and acting director of the Rachel Carson Institute at Chatham University. 🐾

More recycling news

There are now several locations in the area where residents can take their unwanted televisions, computer monitors, laptops and CPU towers to be recycled for free. They are: eLoop, LLC, Construction Junction, ATM Laser, The Computer Cafe.

If you access the spring newsletter on the Borough's website, you can click on the name of the below business for location and hours of operation.

eLoopllc

an IT sustainability specialist
www.eloopllc.com



Construction Junction
BUILDING MATERIAL REUSE

www.constructionjunction.org

ATM LASER

www.atmlaser.com



www.thecomputer-cafe.com

Allegheny County residents can still call the Appliance Warehouse to schedule a free curbside pickup of unwanted refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers and dehumidifiers. The phone number is 1-888-463-7366. 

Recycling Update

Pennsylvania law requires residents of the Borough to recycle and mandates that municipalities update residents annually on recycling requirements and to recap the recycling efforts to date. All residents and institutions are required to separate the following materials from their household garbage and place them in a separate container for recycling: glass containers, food and beverage cans, plastic containers #1-#6, newspapers, magazines, catalogs and corrugated and pressed cardboard cartons, cereal boxes, tissue boxes and shoe boxes. Copy paper can be recycled at the Abitibi station located at the Boyd Community Center.

For additional details on the Borough's recycling requirements, please visit our website www.fox-chapel.pa.us. 



Litter

Litter is waste that people unlawfully dispose of outdoors. Litter is a form of visual pollution. It can harm health, safety, and welfare. It adversely affects wildlife and environmental quality. Please help!

- Properly dispose of waste and recycle as much as possible.
- If you see litter on our streets, parks or trails, consider helping in the effort and properly dispose of it.
- If you witness someone littering, ask them to take care.



In addition to being an eyesore that degrades the appearance of the Borough, litter has a significant cost associated with it as well. The Borough's PWD spends countless hours each week picking up litter along the Borough's roads. While we pride ourselves on being able to maintain the Borough's parks, roads and infrastructure with a lean work staff, time spent on litter removal significantly taxes our ability to provide other needed services. Please help in this effort and together we can have a positive impact on our environment. 

Leaf Pickup

This year's spring leaf pickup will begin the week of May 2nd. As in the past, a **single** pass will be made through the Borough beginning on May 2nd. All leaves must be at the curb, **but not on the street**, on that date as there will be NO return trips made once a street is finished. However, the actual collection takes more than five days so please do not assume that if your leaves are not picked up by the end of the first week that the street has been missed. We will get there! 🐾

Soliciting

As you know, the Borough has a permitting system intended to keep commercial solicitors and peddlers away from homes where the homeowners have registered with the Borough as not wanting such visitors. However, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that non-commercial solicitations cannot be regulated. In order for a property owner to keep all solicitors away, a "No Solicitors" sign must be posted. 🐾

Spring Trash Collection

As part of the need to reduce garbage-related costs, Borough Council has eliminated the spring and fall rubbish collections since the Borough provides bins for disposal of large items and the current garbage collection provides for the disposal of items weighing 45 pounds or less. Rubbish bins are open Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM. 🐾

District Association

*The District Association is a community organization for residents of Fox Chapel and Aspinwall Boroughs and O'Hara, Indiana and Harmar Townships. The District Association plans and implements many community projects that are not tax supported but nevertheless enhance and beautify the community. For membership information, please contact **Melinda Beard** at 412/781-6355.*

The long, cold winter is finally over; we can now turn our thoughts to warmth, sunshine and enjoying the outdoors. We are so fortunate to live in an area where the outdoors and community access to nature's bounty is a priority. In addition to the hiking trails in local parks, we can now add the proposed riverfront park in Aspinwall to the Fox Chapel District Association's list of community projects. While this proposed park is in its infancy, the FCDA has taken a lead role in working, with others to obtain the funds to make this riverfront park a reality. On May 26th, 6-8 PM, at Squaw Valley Park, the FCDA will host its annual Trail Mix party. The Trail Mix party is an opportunity for community members to come out, enjoy good food and entertainment and educate themselves as to what the FCDA is all about. There will be more information available at the Trail Mix relative the proposed riverfront park in Aspinwall. Stop by, experience neighborly camaraderie and become a part of the FDCA so that your stamp can be on the creation of a new park for us and future generations to enjoy.

If you can't make the Trail Mix on May 26th, check out our happenings on our website: www.foxchapeldistrictassociation.org. We begin our yearly membership drive in May; please consider joining the District Association. Family memberships are only \$35 per year; it is with our dues' monies that we are able to so significantly contribute to making our area a better place to live. 🐾



Garbage collection

Just a reminder to residents that Vogel Disposal is now the trash collector for the Borough. If there are any questions or problems with service, residents are to call Vogel's Customer Service Department toll free at 1-855/494-3345, not the Borough office. 🐾

Garbage collection holiday

There will be no garbage collection on Memorial Day (Monday, May 30th). Garbage collection for the week of Memorial Day will be Tuesday through Saturday. 🐾

Flower sale

The Squaw Run Garden Club will be holding its annual flower sale on Saturday, May 14th, at Squaw Valley Park from 9 AM to 2 PM. A wonderful selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, hanging baskets and planters will be for sale as well as the ever-popular perennial plants dug from members' gardens. Proceeds from the May Sale benefit local gardening projects such as landscaping at the new library, enhancing the Trillium Trails, an All of Us Care Teen Clean Garden project, Camp Guyasuta and providing educational projects at local schools. Come out to Squaw Valley Park, and we will help you get started on your beautiful gardens by offering a lovely variety of plants! 🐾

Boyd Community Center sets the date for *Celebrate the Center!*

Saturday, September 24, 2011 is the date for the fifth *Celebrate the Center!*—an event to benefit Boyd Community Center's operating fund. The 2011 Event Co-Chairs are **Dani Folino** and **Dana Hanna**. This year's event includes special Celebrity Chairperson, **Chip Ganassi**.

The party, from 7 PM to 11 PM, is an opportunity for all members of the community to come together and enjoy a night out in support of a valuable community resource. Last year, over \$40,000 was raised through ticket sales, sponsorships, and raffle drawings.

The Boyd Community Center, located in O'Hara Township, builds community and enriches lives by providing high quality cultural, educational, and recreational classes, camps and workshops to residents of all ages in the Fox Chapel Area School District.

For more information or to join the volunteer committee, call 412/828-8566 x 31.

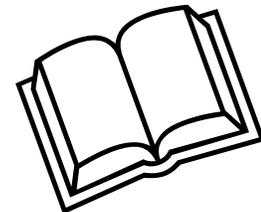


Celebrate spring and get ready for summer with Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania has upcoming events for every member of the family, and all are designed to get you up-close with nature in preparation for the warmer days ahead. New events include the "Family Rain Garden Workshop" where participants learn about the importance of rain gardens. You'll even get to make your own rain barrel and rain chain out of reclaimed materials! We're also offering a new event called "Fairy Gardens" on Mothers' Day weekend. We'll give you a container, soil, native plants and guide you through the creation of your very own fairy garden! Visit aswp.org or call 412/963-6100 to learn more. As always, Beechwood offers naturalist-led hikes each Wednesday at 9 AM. The hikes are free and fun! Our Native Plant and Heirloom Tomato plant sale is coming up on May 6th! You'll receive discounts on our selection of native plants and can get expert tips on planting and gardening from our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you at Beechwood! And don't forget that we offer summer camps for kids ages 5-14 starting in June. Check out the programs and register online at aswp.org. 🐾

Library

The Lauri Ann West Memorial Library will be moving this spring to a new location, 403 Fox Chapel Rd., with a new name, The Cooper-Siegel Community Library. Please check the library website at www.laurian-nwestlibrary.org for more details as they become available. 🐾



Cooper-Siegel Community Library

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LOVE THE LIBRARY FUNDRAISING EVENT HONORS LOCAL AREA EDUCATORS

Educators from Fox Chapel Area High School and Shady Side Academy will be honored at the second annual *Love the Library* event to be held at the Pittsburgh Field Club on Thursday, April 7th, at 6:30 PM. Funds from the event will benefit the operating budget for the Cooper-Siegel Community Library to help offset continued cuts from the state government.

The honorees of the evening will be Verne Koch, President, Community Library Association and former School Board Member, Fox Chapel Area School District; Jane Mather, nationally recognized Teacher, Fox Chapel Area School District; and *in memoriam*, Audrey Ashworth, Head Librarian, Shady Side Academy Middle School for their exemplary involvement in the community promoting the library's mission of "cultivating a community of lifelong learners."

Thomas Cangiano, President of Shady Side Academy, will be the evening's principal speaker. He will discuss "Preparing Our Children to Compete in a Global Market". Sally Wiggin of WTAE-TV will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

For a \$25 donation per book, newly-purchased library books will be available in the event you would like to memorialize or honor a special someone.

Tickets to the event are \$85.00 which includes light hors d'oeuvres and a sit-down dinner. Patron level tickets to a pre-gala celebratory tour of the new Cooper-Siegel Community Library will be sold for \$150.00 each. Tickets can be purchased through the library's website at www.lauriannwestlibrary.org, by calling Charlene Marchetti at 412-828-9520 x 12, or by sending a check made out to Cooper-Siegel Community Library, c/o Charlene Marchetti, 1220 Powers Run Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

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Foxwall

DID YOU KNOW... You stand a 1 in 10 chance of needing emergency response from Foxwall?*

It is that time of year again and Foxwall is asking you to renew your annual subscription, or to subscribe for the first time and become a member of the Foxwall family. As a resident of Fox Chapel, you should know a few important facts about Foxwall:



- we are the areas only volunteer EMS service
- we have a crew of highly qualified EMTs and Licensed Paramedics
- we receive no ongoing municipal funding
- we rely on your subscriptions and donations to cover more than 25% of our operating budget a modest annual subscription could save you money

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Sincerely,

The Men and Women and proud volunteers of Foxwall EMS.

* (based on 2008 emergency response calls per capita)

Mandatory Local Tax Withholding *Is Your Business Ready?*

Keystone Collections Group is pleased to join with Fox Chapel School District and the communities they serve to provide free educational sessions as part of an ongoing outreach effort to all employers transitioning to Act 32 compliance.

Keystone will explain the new requirements mandated under Act 32 related to employers, mandatory withholding and the local earned income tax.

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Building Permits/Zoning..... 113
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Sewer Department..... 126

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**MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE BOROUGH BUILDING AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
ALL RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.**