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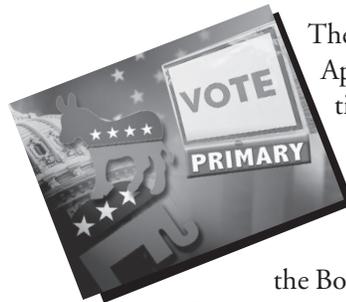
MAYOR McLAUGHLIN RETIRES



At the March 19th Council meeting, Mayor McLaughlin submitted his resignation to Borough Council. Since 1986, the Borough of Fox Chapel has had the privilege of calling “Harry-O” our Mayor. He was one of the main players in bringing the Cooper-Siegel Library to Fox Chapel and worked tirelessly in doing so. He oversaw the 12-man police force and was diligent in keeping the lines of communication open with the Police Chief. Chief Laux stated “Mayor McLaughlin was involved in hiring me in 1982. I have had the honor and privilege of serving under him as a Patrolman, Sergeant, and now as Chief of Police. Harry has been a mentor, a friend, and an exceptional Mayor. The police department has thrived under his guidance, and all of the officers will miss him greatly.” All of us at the Borough extend our love and heartfelt thanks to the man who truly enjoyed his job and loved the Borough that he represented. We wish him and his wife Zandie all the best. We will miss you Harry-O! 🐾

Council resignation; New Mayor and Councilman appointed

At its March 19th meeting, Council accepted the resignation of Walter A. (Alex) Scott, III from Borough Council and appointed him Mayor of Fox Chapel. Mayor Scott was honored to be appointed Mayor and pledged to hold the office with dignity and pride. We look forward to working with Mayor Scott and wish him all the best as Mayor of Fox Chapel! At the same meeting, Council appointed Thomas A. Karet to Council filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Scott. Mr. Karet has lived in the Borough for 10 years and “is honored to be on Borough Council and looking forward to continuing the work of the Council that makes Fox Chapel a great place to live”. 🐾



Primary election

The 2012 Primary Election will be held Tuesday, April 24th. If you do not know your voting location, please go to the Allegheny County website at www.alleghenycounty.us/elect and select Polling Place Locator. Type in your address and your polling location will be displayed. Also, a reminder that those who previously voted at the Borough Building are now voting downstairs at the Cooper-Siegel Library. 🐾

Assessments

By the time residents receive this newsletter, the April 2nd tax assessment appeal deadline will have passed. The assessment percentage increase for Fox Chapel Borough is 22.3%, the increase for the Fox Chapel Area School District is 28.5% and the increase for Allegheny County is 35.4%. A property owner whose assessment rose less than the average for the Borough, School or County will likely see a lower tax bill. The reassessment numbers will not be used until 2013. 🐾

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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. 🐾



2011	
All Recyclables except leaves	1,458,500 lbs.
Leaf Waste	3,710,000 lbs.
Total Recyclables	5,168,500 lbs.

(4,000 gallons of diesel fuel was used to collect the leaves)

More recycling news

The 2012 Hard to Recycle schedule for the PA Resources Council is available at its website www.prc.org. The website is filled with an abundance of recycling information as well as workshops on rain barrels, back yard composting and energy savings tips. 🐾

Holiday garbage collection delays and office closings

4th of July (Wednesday, July 4th)

Labor Day (Monday, September 3rd)

Garbage collection will be delayed one day following the holiday.

The Borough office will be closed both of these holidays. 🐾

Rubbish bins

Last year, the newsletter contained an article regarding the new bin regulations. For the most part, residents are adhering to the new rules, and the Borough thanks you. However, there are some who feel that the rules do not apply to them and continue to throw household garbage and building materials into the bins while the attendant is telling them to stop. The attendant will begin to write down the license plates of those who do not follow the rules thus revoking bin privileges. Below please find the rubbish bin regulations, and as a reminder the rubbish bins are open Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM, except holidays.

- Must display valid driver's license proving residency
- Items in boxes or bags must be emptied into bin to ensure compliance
- Acceptable rubbish includes: Furniture, non-Freon appliances, hot water tanks, bicycles, toys, sporting equipment, lawnmowers and tools
- Prohibited materials: Food waste, building/landscaping material, carpet, Freon appliances (unless appliance bears a sticker that Freon has been removed), paint, toxic chemicals, tires

Please be advised that items left may be reused or recycled. The Borough's garbage contract allows for unlimited collection of all items including items 45 lbs. or less at the garage door (i.e., chair, table, microwave, sweeper, etc.) and two bags of grass per week. 🐾

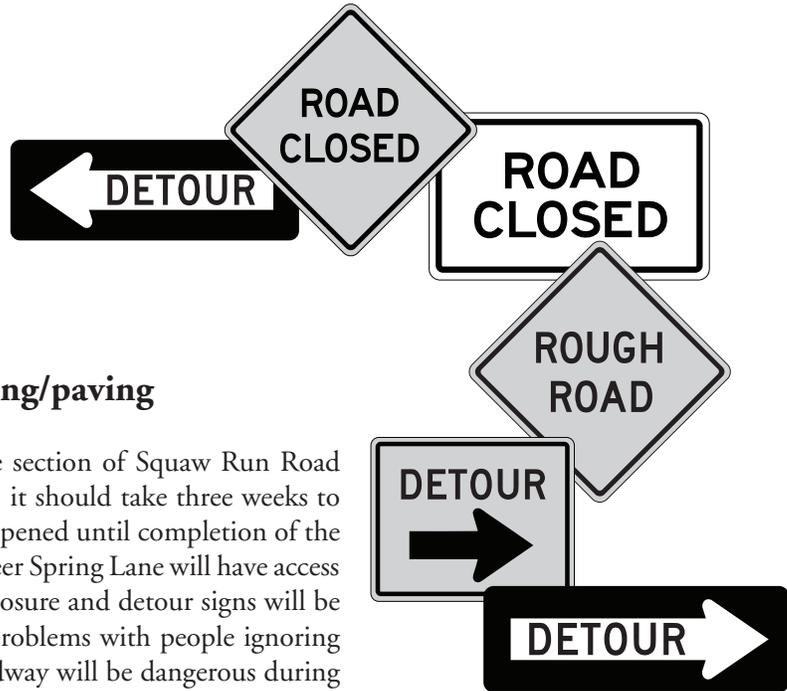
Fox Chapel Road closing/ PGA Tour

The Fox Chapel Golf Club will host the PGA Senior Champions Tournament. In meeting with PGA officials, Chief Laux reported that it was felt in the best interest of public safety that Fox Chapel Road be closed during the event. Fox Chapel Road will be closed between Squaw Run Road East and Indian Hill Road during the hours of 6:00 AM and 7:30 PM beginning Wednesday, June 27th, and ending Sunday, July 1st. Detour routes will be posted. 🐾



Fox Chapel Road

Many residents have been questioning why the Borough does not pave Fox Chapel Road. Please be advised that Fox Chapel Road is an Allegheny County-maintained road and the County is completely responsible for its upkeep. The Borough contacted the County several months ago regarding its poor condition and requested that it be paved but was advised that money was not budgeted in 2011 for paving but would consider it in 2012. In the meantime, please report any Fox Chapel Road problems to the County hotline at 412/793-3910. 🐾



Squaw Run Road closing/paving

In early May, the Borough will be paving the section of Squaw Run Road that was recently milled. Weather permitting, it should take three weeks to complete the job. The roadway will not be reopened until completion of the project. (Residents of Squaw Run Road and Deer Spring Lane will have access to their homes via Dorseyville Road.) Road closure and detour signs will be posted. In the past, the Borough has had problems with people ignoring the barricades and road closed signs. The roadway will be dangerous during the construction period due to deep milling and exposure of manholes. The Police Department will be vigilant in patrolling the area. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated. 🐾

Road safety



Every year it seems that more and more people are walking, jogging or riding their bikes along area roads. It's time to once again remind motorists to be extra alert now that so many of us are outside taking advantage of the warm weather. The speed limit on all Borough-maintained roads is only 25 MPH. Drivers are, of course, urged to use extreme caution when driving anywhere in the Borough but particularly in the areas where the topography limits sight distances. A special note to parents of teenage drivers: It is particularly important that parents impress upon their children the extra dangers that are present at this time of the year and encourage them to slow down and drive safely.

Those walking or biking on public roads are also urged to adopt safe practices. Always walk/ride in single file along the edge of the road when possible. Bikers should ride with the flow of traffic; walkers/joggers should walk/jog opposite the flow of traffic. Wear brightly-colored clothes. The use of headsets that can drown out the sound of approaching vehicles is strongly discouraged. 🐾

Gardeners can make a difference!

Spring is here and if you are an avid gardener you have already been out in your garden to inspect the winter damage. Are there bare spots you would like to fill? Why not consider a collection of native Western PA plants? Specimens of native trees such as Hemlock, Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*) or Red Bud (*Cercis canadensis*), shrubs such as native witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) or Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) and perennials such as native columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) or New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*) will provide beauty as well as being environmentally useful. For example, do you love to see butterflies in your garden? How easy it is to provide nectar plants for them to sip and host plants

on which they lay their eggs—therefore making more butterflies!

Did you know there is a specific native plant on which the Monarch Butterfly only will lay its eggs (a “host”



plant)? Yes, it is the Milkweed, botanical name, *Asclepias*. This is just an example of one plant that will help restore our ecosystem. Please read Dr. Douglas Tallamy's book “Bringing

Nature Home”. In it there are plant lists specific to Pennsylvania, and lots more information about “making a difference” (website: <http://bringing-naturehome.net>).

We as gardeners have the power to bring back the natural balance of our environment, and the simple act of planting host plants for butterflies, automatically (and easily) makes more butterflies and invites birds into our gardens for their breakfast, lunch and dinner. “In order to have butterflies, you must make butterflies”. Locally grown native plants can be found at numerous nurseries in the area. (The Borough would like to thank Sally Foster and Marilyn Bruschi for providing this article.) 🐾

Ticks

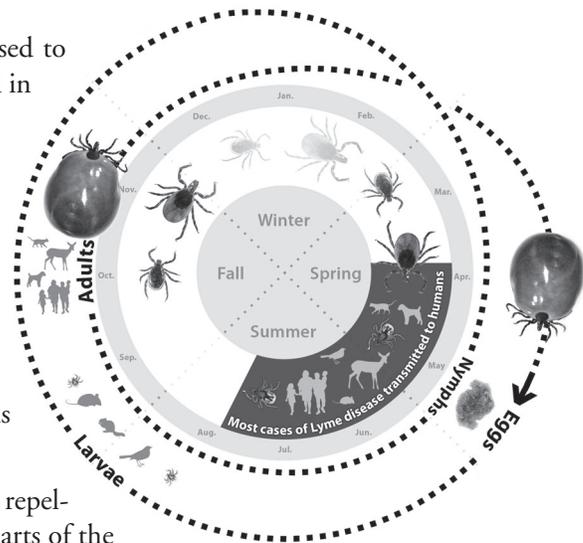
The Borough has received calls regarding the concern of the increase of ticks in the Borough. The following information is redacted from a technical report by Donald C. Booth, Ph. D, Entomologist with Bartlett Tree, regarding the prevention of tick problems.

INSPECT children and pets daily when they have been exposed to high tick areas. Dogs and cats with ticks should not be allowed in the house until the pests are removed.

PROPER TICK REMOVAL is best accomplished by grasping a tick with tweezers near its head and with a slow, steady pull gradually remove the mouthparts from the skin. A tick may also be coated with Vaseline or fingernail polish to force it to withdraw its mouthparts. Dispose of ticks by dropping them into a container of alcohol or flushing them down a toilet. Do not crush ticks with the fingernails. If the hands have touched a tick during removal, wash them thoroughly since tick secretions may carry disease organisms.

REPELLANTS containing DEET (found in most mosquito repellants) are effective when applied to socks, pants, and exposed parts of the body. Wear protective clothing, such as long pants and boots, when entering tick-infested areas.

CUTTING grass and other vegetation in four to six foot band along each side of walkways and paths will reduce tick populations. Grass over six inches high protects ticks against drying in the sun, tall vegetation also has the disadvantage of providing cover for host animals such as mice. 🐾



Park donation

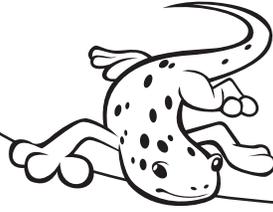
The Park Commission would like to thank the Fox Chapel Garden Club for its \$1,000 donation towards plantings in the Trillium Trail. 🐾

Volunteer for litter and trail cleanup

The Borough's spring "Redd-Up" Day is Saturday, April 22nd. Volunteers will be meeting at 9 AM at McCahill Park. Vests, gloves and bags are provided by Allegheny CleanWays. 🐾



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!



Garlic Mustard Pull at Salamander Park
Saturday, April 22nd
9 AM – 11 AM 🐾

50th Anniversary

The Spring 2012 edition of the Borough Newsletter marks the 50th year of Craftsmen Ziegler Printing publishing the Borough Newsletter. The Borough sincerely thanks Roger Kalmeyer and his staff for their tireless effort working with Borough staff to put out an attractive and informative publication. The Borough looks forward to many more years of collaborating with Roger and his staff. 🐾

The Squaw Run Garden Club presents...

Lots of Pots

Wednesday, May 16, 2012
Fox Chapel Golf Club
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Master horticulturist, Ray Rogers, will use expert design techniques to make gorgeous containers that perform beautifully!

\$75 per person
(Cash or check accepted)

Limited Seating
RSVP by May 2, 2012

If you have any questions, please call: Sharon 412-782-4225.

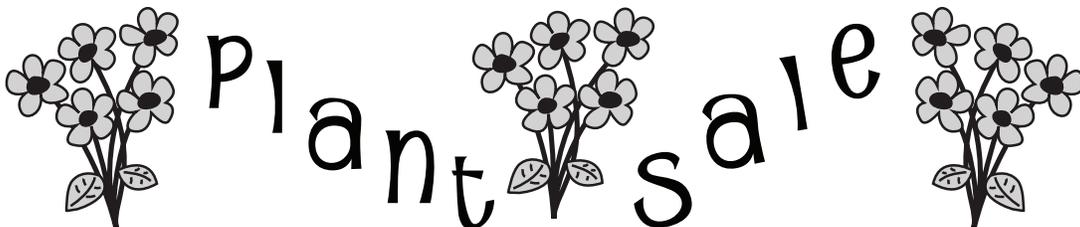
RAY ROGERS is an award winning container gardener & horticulturist. After gardening with his family as a child, he pursued a master's degree in horticulture, worked at the Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia and at the American Horticultural Society's River Farm in Alexandria, VA. He has inspired many home gardeners with his numerous horticultural books, style and dynamic presentations including the Martha Stewart Show. As a multiple blue ribbon award winner at the prestigious Philadelphia Flower Show, Ray is the perfect person to demonstrate just how spectacular a well-grown and carefully chosen container garden can be!

10:30 a.m. Silent Auction, Raffle, Book Sales & Signing

11:15 a.m. Program

12:30 p.m. Luncheon

PROCEEDS will benefit landscaping projects at the Aspinwall Riverfront Park and various other community projects supported by Squaw Run Garden Club. 🐾



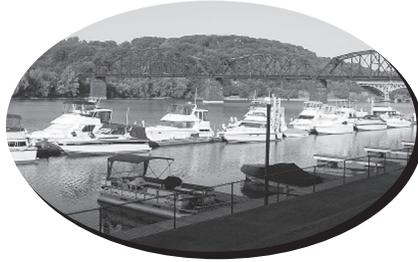
Squaw Run Garden Club, celebrating its 65th Anniversary, will hold its May Plant Sale on May 5th, 9 AM to 2 PM, at the Squaw Valley Park gazebo. Rain or shine a wonderful selection of perennials, herbs, hanging baskets, planters and vegetable plants will be available for sale as well as perennials dug from members' gardens. Proceeds benefit local gardening projects such as marking and enhancing the trails along Trillium Trail, Reading Garden at Squaw Valley Park, Mary's Garden at the Fox Chapel Area High School, All of Us Care Teen Clean Garden Project, Camp Guyasuta along with educational projects at the local schools. Enjoy a lovely day of shopping in the park where you are guaranteed to find the perfect Mother's Day gift! 🐾

Fox Chapel District Association News

The miracle story of the purchase of the Marina is six months behind us, but we never tire of telling it and thanking all of you who so generously made it possible. Our Marina managers, the Crookstons, have not rested their efforts, but have spent the winter months cleaning up the property and making it suitable for spring and summer activities, including parties in our newly decorated with a nautical theme party room. When we get the design plans finalized, we will once again rely on you to finish the dream with us with your benevolence and enthusiasm.

Our Winterfest this year was held on the coldest day of February (11th), yet still brought out hundreds of people to listen to the music, eat the pizza and hot dogs and smores, watch the ice carver, the birds from Beechwood, sing with the music of Paul Rennie and Rick Humphrey, warm by the

roaring fires. We had a glorious time with our hardy guests at what has become an annual event.



Our other annual event is coming on May 31st, 6 - 8 PM, our Trail Mix party, which celebrates our commitment to the Trails. Once again, we will be at Squaw Valley Park, as it represents our first and finest finished collaboration with Friends of the Riverfront. At any time on any day, the park is used and loved by walkers and dogs of all ages and sizes. Please join our commemoration to this great success. We will, once again, have food and music, fun

for kids with face painting and balloon artists, and fun for adults with wine. Since 1928 we have been committed to improving our area. This "area" has expanded to include the entire school district and we have expanded in our budget and our fund raising goals - successfully. What we haven't been able to expand is our membership base. The numbers over the years, despite all of our efforts, have remained static. We ask, no, we beg you to join us if you are not members, and, if you are, to encourage your friends to join us. Our emphasis this year is to increase our base to the number we deserve. Send \$35, \$75, or \$125 to FCDA, P.O. Box 111595, Pittsburgh PA 15238 to be part of the excitement of what this small but mighty group is accomplishing. Visit our website for more information: FoxChapelDistrictAssociation.org. And, in advance, thank you. 🐾

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 area's 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

For Life Savings, Invest In EMS

- \$30 - Individual Subscription (annual)
- \$50 - Family Subscription (annual - covers family members and visitors)

Why Subscribe?

Ambulance service is not free and many insurance policies do not cover, or only partially cover, emergency transport. With a Foxwall subscription, you could save up to \$700, or the difference in your insurance copay per ambulance service call.

Your support helps us to upgrade equipment, allow ongoing training, and help defray day-to-day operational costs. You are making a tax deductible investment in your community and your family.

When you receive your mailer, please take a moment to complete and return it with your subscription or donation, or visit us at www.foxwall.org and make your payment online. 🐾

Sincerely,

The Men and Women and proud volunteers of Foxwall EMS.

* (based on 2011 emergency response calls per capita)



Cooper-Siegel

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ADULT PROGRAMS

- Library Walking Group
- Unlocking the Classics
- Gardening Classes
- Women's Networking Group
- Learning and Networking at the Library
- Backyard Gardener Doug Oster
- Memoir of a Milk Carton Kid
- Planning to Help Your Senior Parents
- Green Events at the Library
- Genealogy Series
- Preparing for U.S. Citizenship, Visas and Green Cards
- Social Networking Workshops
- UPMC Physician Lecture Series
- Managing Carpal and Cubital Tunnel Syndromes
- Lessons in Loss and Living
- Talking Tech: How Kids Use Technology to Communicate
- Library now accepting your e-readers
- Electronics recycling
- Computer Classes
- Knitting Group
- Writing Group
- Library Delivery to Homebound Residents

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Book Discussion Groups
 - Book Group Leader Packets
 - Book Group Meeting Space and Room Rentals
 - Book Group Leader Kits
- Please register by calling the Reference Dept. at 412/828-9520, x 215 or by sending an email to coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net

TEEN PROGRAMS

- After Hours Art Club
 - Make It for Mom
- Pre-registration is required for all events by calling 412/828-9520, x 210

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Story times
 - Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre
 - Movie matinee
 - National Library Week
 - Knitty kitties
 - Lego Days
 - American Girl Celebration
- Pre-registration is required for all events by calling 412/828-9520, x 218 

LOVE THE LIBRARY FUNDRAISING EVENT HONORS LOCAL AREA EDUCATORS

Well-known Pittsburgh documentarian Rick Sebak will be the keynote speaker and honoree at the third annual Love the Library event at the Pittsburgh Field Club on Saturday, April 28th. Nate Parker, Fox Chapel Borough President from 1994-2011, will also be honored for his dedication to the community and persistent advocacy for the library. Christine Beard and Angela Kamin are Chairs for this year's event which is on target to raise \$37,000 for the

library. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00 PM. A sit-down dinner and talk by Rick Sebak will begin at 7:00 PM followed by a dessert bar. Tickets for the event are \$125 per person. Raffles and Giftbooks will also be available for purchase.



All proceeds will benefit the Cooper-Siegel Community Library's operating fund. Tickets can be purchased through the library's website at www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org, by calling Charlene Marchetti at 412/828-9520 x 212 or by sending a check made payable to Cooper-Siegel Community Library c/o Charlene Marchetti, 403 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. 



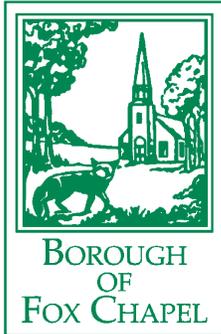
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Dotty Nielsen

Meets the 2nd Monday in March, June, September and December at 9:00 A.M.

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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.**