

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY TREE PRUNING

Duquesne Light Company (DLC) has contracted qualified line clearance professionals from Asplundh Tree Experts to perform scheduled vegetation management along 120 miles of distribution circuits in and around Fox Chapel Borough. The work will take place throughout the Borough from Guys Run Road south to Powers Run Road progressing west ending in the Borough along Guyasuta Road. From Guyasuta Road the work will go north ending at the Indiana Township line. Any properties in the work zones can expect to have pruning performed on an as-needed basis. Asplundh Tree began notifying residents concerning the work in March. Tree work will begin following the notification process and will be expected to last until middle to late September. Representatives of DLC and Asplundh reviewed its line clearing activities with the Borough's Environmental Advisory Council.

Asplundh Tree will be performing line clearance using the best management practices that have been approved by the International Society of Arboriculture. This work will take place in trees adjacent to or on the distribution rights-of-way. Asplundh Tree will also be looking to control smaller, fast-growing tree species within the rights-of-way limits using herbicide to prevent future maintenance and interruptions. Hazardous trees will also be identified and dealt with when encountered.

If work is to be done on your property, Asplundh will provide contact information for the General Foreman or a representative of DLC. Property owners can also contact DLC's customer service at 888-393-7000. 

TAXES

Earned Income Tax 2012 Annual Final Return: This return must be filed online or by mail by all residents with earned income with Keystone Collections Group on or before April 15. Should a Federal or State Application for Extension be filed, check the extension box online or on the front of the form and submit along with the estimated payment. Should a professional tax preparer be used, confirm that the tax preparer timely submits the final return. Employers are bound by the same deadline and filing instructions. Additional information and the appropriate forms can be found on-line at keystonecollects.com.

Keystone also collects all delinquent earned income tax. Residents should not file anything further with Berkheimer & Associates, Jordan Tax Service or JTCA (which closed several years ago).

Real Estate: Council anticipates setting the 2013 millage rate at the April Council meeting. The mass assessment appeals filed have caused the delay due to the anti-windfall provision provided by Pennsylvania law. Jordan Tax Service is the current and delinquent real estate collector for the Borough. Information can be obtained by calling Jordan Tax Service at 412/345-7962 or by visiting the website at jordantax.com. 

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ROAD PROJECTS

The Public Works Department just completed the replacement of storm



pipes, underdrains and catch basins along the eastern section of Field Club Road. The same work will continue this spring completing the remainder of Field Club Road. When Field Club Road is completed, the same work will begin on Highland Road. During the construction period, each road will be closed daily and will reopen around 3 PM. Detour routes will be posted. Once this work is completed, both roads will be milled, paved and guiderail replaced. Your patience is appreciated. 🐾



DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENT PERMIT

While planning property improvement projects for the spring, please be aware that driveway modifications require a Driveway Improvement Permit from the Borough before starting any work such as repaving, changing the material, grade or drainage pattern.

The Borough would appreciate residents making the contractor aware of the requirement for a permit. The Driveway Permit Application is available at the Borough office or on the Borough's website. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Smith

at 412/963-1100 x 126. 🐾

PRIMARY ELECTION

The 2013 Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 21st. If you do not know your voting location, please go to the Allegheny County website at www.alleghenycounty.us/elect and select Find Your Polling Place under *Additional Information*. Type in your address and your polling location will be displayed. 🐾



FOX CHAPEL ROAD CLOSING/PGA TOUR

The Fox Chapel Golf Club will again host the 2013 PGA Senior Champions Tournament and the same road closure/traffic detour will occur as last year. 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 26th, and ending Sunday, June 30th. Detour routes will be posted. 🐾



HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION DELAYS AND OFFICE CLOSINGS

- 4th of July (Thursday, July 4th)
- Labor Day (Monday, September 2nd)

Garbage collection will be delayed one day following the holiday.

The Borough office will be closed both of these holidays.

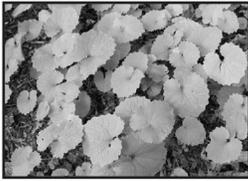
The Borough office will also be closed Friday, July 5th. 🐾



SAVE TRILLIUM TRAIL FROM GARLIC MUSTARD! TIME SENSITIVE!

Volunteers Needed for the 2013 Garlic Mustard Pull at Trillium Trail

Help free the Trillium from a noxious invader!



Garlic mustard, a wintergreen noxious invader, grew while the native plants were dormant and are expected to be of unusual size and density. Garlic mustard produces chemicals that can weaken the ability of native plants to grow, thus making room for their seeds to take root. Garlic mustard has a short life cycle, each plant makes thousands of seeds and the population can spread rapidly. The Trillium Trail is overrun with this aggressive invader and our wildflower park is under siege, again.

There is hope. We must act now, to remove the garlic mustard before it disperses its seeds this summer! They have a two year life cycle, so if we are vigilant this year and next, we could remove the garlic mustard from the park.

Last year the 2012 Garlic Mustard Pull, approximately 80 large garbage bags were pulled by 18 volunteers. Most of the parent and student volunteers were from the Fox Chapel Area School District. The students earned community credit hours. Only 30 to 40% of the deer enclosure area has been cleared.

Once again *students may earn community credit hours* by participating in this worthy volunteer effort to help conserve the natural beauty of Trillium Trail. Please participate in an effort to remove garlic mustard from Trillium Trail. 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 Park to their original natural state. Please come, rain or shine, with four large plastic garbage bags and gardening gloves. The plants can be pulled easily by grasping them at the base, but you can bring a small hand trowel to loosen surrounding earth and ease removal of the few difficult individuals.

Our goal is to rid the area of the reserve that is fenced as it is the location for a National Science Foundation funded research site and important for our understanding of forests. See the research at Dr. Susan Kalisz's website here: (<http://www.pitt.edu/%7Ekalisz/>). 

Please come rain or shine and help with the effort!

Please ask everyone you know to participate and bring all members of your family!

Share this call for volunteers with all your friends and neighbors!

DAY AND TIME: RAIN OR SHINE!

Weekend 1:

April 20 (Saturday)

Dotty Nielsen - Contact

Session I: 9 AM - 12 PM • Session II: 1 PM - 4 PM

April 21 (Sunday)

Dotty Nielsen - Contact

Session I: 9 AM - 12 PM • Session II: 1 PM - 4 PM

Weekend 2:

April 27 (Saturday)

Maria Harrington - Contact

Session I: 9 AM - 12 PM • Session II: 1 PM - 4 PM

April 28 (Sunday)

Session I: 9 AM - 12 PM: Maria Harrington, Contact

Session II: 1 PM - 4 PM: Dotty Beckwith - Contact

Location: Meet at the Lower Trillium Trail entrance

(parking across the street - the one with the steps and the stepping stone bridge).

What to Bring: Bug spray, 4 Large Garbage Bags, Gardening Gloves, Water, Friends to Help!

Parents must attend children - no drop-offs. If students are performing community service, please bring your form. To sign up, please send an email to: Maria C. R. Harrington, Ph.D.: mariaharrington_2000@yahoo.com

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. 🐾

	2012
All Recyclables except leaves	1,057,000 lbs.
Leaf Waste	4,066,000 lbs.
Total Recyclables	5,123,000 lbs.



MORE RECYCLING NEWS HARD-TO-RECYCLE COLLECTION – PAPER SHRED EVENT

The 2013 Hard-to-Recycle schedule for the PA Resources Council (PRC) 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.

PRC The PRC, in partnership with the Allegheny County Health Department and Colcom Foundation, will sponsor a Hard-to-Recycle event at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall on Saturday, April 30, 2013 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Televisions, computers, monitors, laptops, keyboards, printers, scanners, fax machines, small appliances, cell phones, ink/toner cartridges and CFLs can be recycled at no charge. There is a fee for batteries (\$1.50/lb.), fluorescent tubes \$0.25/ft.), small Freon containing appliances (\$10), CDs and floppy disks and paper shredding (\$5/box). Please visit PRC's website for additional information. 🐾

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.



Police Chief David Laux would like to remind drivers that it is illegal to text while driving. Parents should advise teenage drivers to turn cell phones off while operating a motor vehicle. Chief Laux would also like to remind drivers that when passing a bicyclist along any

roadway, a motorist must give at least four (4) feet of safe distance between the vehicle and cyclist. Disregard of either of these laws will result in a citation being issued to the motorist. 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. 🐾

MAY PLANT SALE

Squaw Run Garden Club will hold its May plant sale on Saturday May 4th, 9AM-2PM, at the Squaw Valley Park gazebo. 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, landscaping the Cooper-Siegel Library, and donations to Camp Guyasuta and The Riverfront Project. Enjoy a lovely day of shopping in the park where you are guaranteed to find the perfect Mother's Day gift! Cash and checks accepted. 🐾



TRAIL MAP

The Borough's trail map is available at the Borough office or on line at www.fox-chapel.pa.us. 🐾

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. 🐾

FOX CHAPEL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

by Melinda Beard

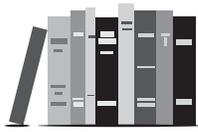
As I write this article for the Fox Chapel spring issue, I am sitting in a rented house in Florida avoiding the 50 degree temperature and high winds that are pushing the Gulf waves over the beach. I've been here a week and the closest I've come to a tan is the dye makeup I purchased at the drugstore. But it must be spring somewhere so that I am trying to visualize in order to be creative.

The event I know will happen and I know will be in warmer weather is our annual Trail Mix Party on Thursday, May 30th, 5 - 7 PM at Squaw Valley Park. Once again, we will have good food, music, face painting and balloon sculpture for the kids and Ducky Races sponsored by North Hills Opticist Club for the adults. We suggest a \$20 donation per family or \$10 per person to help defray our costs. It is always a great day.

Our biggest event of the year will be the Follies, November 14th - 16th and 21st - 23rd. If you have interest in acting, singing and/or making a fool of yourself, contact Philip Beard (412/781-6059) or Bill Ivins (412/767-5765) for tryout dates. We have been a sellout for the past three Follies, and we have grown from making \$6,000 to \$35,000 to \$75,000. We are aiming for \$100,000 this year and the easiest way to clear that amount is to get underwriters for our major costs: seating, sound, staging, etc. Your name or business name will be displayed prominently (by permission) on a Board at the entrance to the Club and again in the program. Contact Tim McLaughlin (412/897-6006), Melinda Beard (412/781-6355) or Philip (412/781-6059) if you are so inclined. You will save us from our usual on-the-knees begging position.

Check out our website, www.foxchapedistrictassociation.org, and join us! 🐾





Cooper-Siegel



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

403 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Phone: 412/828-9520 • Fax: 412/828-4960 Email: coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Documentary Film Series
- The Civil War in Pennsylvania
- Award-Winning Poet Sam Hazo
- Handwriting Expert Michelle Dresbold
- Local Gardening Expert Doug Oster
- Wise Walk
- Dealing with Divorce (for Women)
- How-To Day at the Library
- Library Customer Appreciation Day – “Secrets of the Garden”
- Support Group: TWST:
- UPMC Physician Lecture Series
- Summer Reading Program
- Foreign Language and Computer Classes

Please register by calling the Reference Dept. at 412/828-9520, x 215 or by sending an email to coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net 

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Story times for toddlers and preschoolers
- Baby lap-sit story times
- Earth Day Celebration
- Children's Book Week
- Summer Reading Program
- Family Game Nights
- Movie Matinee
- Lego Day
- A Roaming Gnome Party
- Mad Science
- Earthy Art with Alison Babusci
- Lunch on the Lawn
- Ahoy, Pirates!
- Folktales from the Garden

Pre-registration is required for all events by calling 412/828-9520, x 218 

TEEN PROGRAMS

- Open Stage Night
- Art Club
- Summer Reading

Pre-registration is required for all events by calling 412/828-9520, x 210 



JOIN US FOR A BENEFIT TO SUPPORT THE COOPER-SIEGEL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Honoree: Melinda Beard

Speaker: Andy Masich

President and CEO, Senator John Heinz History Center
1968: The Year That Rocked America

Saturday, April 20, 2013 @ Pittsburgh Field Club
6 p.m. Cocktails - 7 p.m. Dinner & Andy Masich
followed by Dessert Bar and Mingling
\$125 per ticket

Jacket Required • RSVP by April 10 • Cash Bar

LOVE
the **LIBRARY**

Go to www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org to order your tickets or send a check made payable to Cooper-Siegel Community Library to
403 Fox Chapel Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15238 



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 tax revenue and do not rely on 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)

\$55 – 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.

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COMMUNITY GARDENFEST AND ARTIST MARKET

AT BOYD COMMUNITY CENTER

Saturday, May 11 • 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1220 Powers Run Road

Celebrate Spring! Celebrate Mom! Celebrate Boyd!

Our local garden clubs and artists have teamed up with Boyd Community Center for a gardening and art extravaganza!

Sale of Plants, Art, Crafts, and Garden Related Items

Food Vendors with Savories and Treats

Environmental Education and Demonstrations

Children’s Activities

To learn more about the event,
please call 412-828-8566 x 19 or visit www.boydcommunitycenter.org

Proceeds will benefit the Boyd Operation Fund. 

BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL

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

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COUNCIL**

Andrew C. Bennett, *President*
Jay S. Troutman, *Vice President*
Harrison S. Lauer
Kathleen Toole
Ann R. Meyer
James M. Royston
Thomas A. Karet

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Joy A. Hardt, *Treasurer*
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Meets each month on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M.

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Bruce H. Laswell
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Jay S. Troutman
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Austin Henry

Meets as needed on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

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Lane D. Dively
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Meets as needed on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M.

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Dotty Beckwith
Jay Troutman
Brian Shema
Ferd J. Sauereisen
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.

**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.**