

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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NEW ADDITION TO THE NEWSLETTER

The spring newsletter features something new – Mayor Scott will now contribute an article to the quarterly newsletter entitled “Mayor’s memo”. His debut article can be found on page 2. We look forward to reading what the Mayor has to say!

FOX CHAPEL ROAD CLOSING

Allegheny County will be replacing the bridge on Fox Chapel Road near Salamander Park. The proposed work is to begin in early July. The County anticipates the work taking approximately four months to complete. During construction, Fox Chapel Road will be closed from Squaw Run Road to Field Club Road – open to local traffic only. Detour signs will be posted.



TAXES

Earned Income Tax 2014 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; if the due date would fall on a Saturday or Sunday, file by the next business day. 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. If a professional tax preparer is used, confirm that the tax preparer 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. The PSD Code for Fox Chapel is 710403.



PRIMARY ELECTION

The 2014 Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 20th. 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.



ROAD PROJECTS

This spring, the Public Works Department will install underdrains, repair catch basins, manholes and replace storm pipes along Berkshire Drive and two areas along Old Mill Road from Squaw Run Road to Old Squaw Trail continuing from Fairview Road to Fox Chapel Road. During construction season, please remember to obey posted speed limits and keep alert for temporary barricades and equipment; do not remove signs, barricades, covers or cones that may be in use in construction areas; and, follow directions of traffic control personnel when driving past workers or equipment. Your cooperation is appreciated.



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Mayor's memo

I would like to recognize the excellent and dedicated volunteer firemen who serve the residents of Fox Chapel. They face danger and hardships, miss sleep and sometimes miss family events doing this job and put in countless hours of training and preparation to be qualified. They are from all walks of life from college students to medical doctors to business owners to retirees.

Last year marked 60 years that Fox Chapel has been fortunate enough



Hardie Burgan- Captain II; Brian Zimmerman- Assistant Chief I; Dee Humes- Chief; Eric Barnfather- Lieutenant I; Jim DiVittorio- Lieutenant II
Missing: Zach Friday- Assistant Chief II; Tom Pohl- Captain I

to have this group in the Borough. Leadership of Hap Humes and his son, Dee, as our chiefs has spanned over 44 years up to the present. I am told by Dee Humes that the department is strong and the equipment is in good shape. Other families like the Zimmermans, Eichenlaubs and Fridays have had many members for more than one generation.

When residents hear the sirens at Stations 1 and 2, we are reminded that our volunteers are out the door and heading to the equipment while we are safe at home. When you see one of our firemen, please give them a big "thank you" to let them know of our gratitude for their service.

Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department call summary 2013

Calls	Total	% all
False Alarm	151	42.8
Motor Vehicle Accident	77	21.8
Structure Fire	28	7.9
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	27	7.6
Vehicle Fire	7	2.0
Brush Fire	6	1.7
Other Types of Fires	7	1.4
Carbon Monoxide	12	3.4
Natural Gas Leak	11	3.1
Other (Assist EMS, Physical Rescue; Downed Tree; etc.)	29	8.2
TOTAL CALLS	353	

With 301 calls in 2012, the FCVFD call volume increased by 17.28% in 2013.

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, corrugated and pressed cardboard cartons, cereal boxes, tissue boxes and shoe boxes.



2013	
All Recyclables except leaves	1,250,820
Leaf Waste	3,985,200
Total Recyclables	5,236,020

STORM OUTAGES – DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY

In a recent Duquesne Light flier, it was reported that DLC will provide customers text/Twitter/Facebook options to report outages and to receive outage information for customers with smart phones. Options include Twitter (@DuquesneLight), Duquesne Light Mobile Network (text DUQLIGHT to 94253) or Facebook (facebook.com/DuquesneLight). A Duquesne Light online account is required to report an outage online. When registering, make sure to have a recent bill available in order to enter account and meter numbers.

DOG PARK RULES

These Rules are intended to protect use and enjoyment of the park. Violation of the Rules may result in a citation and/or loss of park privileges.

1. Use at own risk. Dogs are off leash!
2. Open dawn to dusk.
3. Owner must control and be in view of their dog(s) at all times: prevent aggressive behavior, biting, fighting or excessive barking.
4. Handlers must have leashes accessible when dogs are off-leash.
5. Handlers must pick up after dogs and dispose in approved containers – no littering!
6. Professional/Commercial dog walkers prohibited.
7. Max of 2 dogs per handler permitted.
8. Owner responsible for injury/damage caused by dog(s).
9. Dogs must be properly licensed/vaccinated with tags on collar.
10. Dogs and horses only – no other animals permitted.
11. Dogs not permitted include: less than 4 mos. old, in heat, sick, designated dangerous by the Courts or history of aggressive behavior.
12. Rules enforced by State Dog Warden and Police.



FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH IS NOT
RESPONSIBLE FOR BEHAVIOR OF ANY DOG.
CALL 911 TO REPORT ANY VIOLATION OF PARK RULES.



DOG REGULATIONS

The Park Commission continues to monitor the issue of dog leashing in Riding Meadow Park. Unleashed dogs are required to be under control and in view of the handler. Residents are reminded that it is unlawful for dogs to run uncontrolled. This is particularly important with the warmer months approaching when more residents are apt to be out walking, running and biking throughout the Borough.

Residents are also reminded that the Borough has regulations against barking dogs. Known as the “nuisance dog ordinance”, the regulations impose penalties on anyone who allows a dog to bark excessively to the point of disturbing a neighbor. In extreme situations, it can lead to the confiscation of the animal. Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep barking dogs inside, particularly during summer months when many homeowners have their windows open.



EARTH DAY



Come join us for a walk in the woods on Tuesday, April 22nd, from noon to 3:00 PM as we celebrate Earth Day and pick up some litter that may have accumulated over the winter and get some exercise after a long season indoors. Cleanup supplies will be provided, and people who care about the Squaw Run valley will provide the energy and enthusiasm. Park at McCahill Park parking lot. See you there!



PARK GRANT

The Borough has received a grant from the State in the amount of \$56,850 to construct a 50-foot bike/pedestrian bridge across Squaw Run creek opposite the driveway at the Pittsburgh Field Club. A contract will soon be awarded for the bridge construction.



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.



SHADY SIDE ACADEMY NEWS

Spring Admissions Open Houses

Interested families are invited to attend an admissions open house to learn more about Shady Side Academy. Spring 2014 admissions open house dates are as follows; RSVP online at www.shadysideacademy.org/visitus.

Junior School (PK-5, Point Breeze)

Wed., May 7, 9:15 AM

Middle School (6-8, Fox Chapel)

Thurs., May 1, 9:00 AM

Senior School (9-12, Fox Chapel)

Wed., April 30, 9:30 AM

Hillman Center Presents: A

Conversation with Michael Pollan

Join Michael Pollan, acclaimed professor, journalist and author, for a special evening at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. Chef Bill Fuller of the Big Burrito Group will interview

Pollan on stage, followed by a book signing. Tickets are \$55; VIP tickets are \$175 and include an exclusive pre-show supper curated by Pollan. Buy tickets at www.thehillman.org or 412-968-3040.

Register Now for Summer Programs!

Looking to plan an unforgettable summer for your kids? Shady Side Academy offers a wide array of affordable, fun programs all summer long for kids ages 3-18. Offerings include: day camps for preschool, elementary and middle school students; weeklong focus camps; sports and arts camps; and for-credit summer school classes. Most programs are held at the SSA Senior School campus at 423 Fox Chapel Road. For more information or to register, visit www.shadysideacademy.org/summer or call 412-968-3160.

FOX CHAPEL ROAD CLOSING/PGA TOUR

The Fox Chapel Golf Club will host the 2014 PGA Senior Champions Tournament with practice rounds beginning Monday, June 23rd. The tournament concludes Sunday, June 29th. 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, but the hours of the detour have not yet been determined when the newsletter went to press. Road closure hours will be broadcasted via Nixle and published in The Herald. Detour routes will be posted. This is the final year of a 3-year agreement to hold the Tournament at the Golf Club.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION DELAYS & OFFICE CLOSINGS

Memorial Day (Monday, May 26th)

4th of July (Friday, July 4th)

Garbage collection will be delayed one day following the holiday.

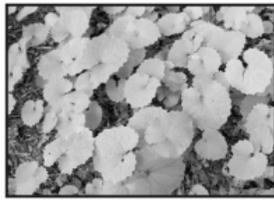
The Borough office will be closed both of these holidays plus Good Friday, April 18th.

The rubbish bins will be closed Easter Sunday.

SAVE TRILLIUM TRAIL FROM GARLIC MUSTARD! TIME SENSITIVE!

Volunteers Needed for the 2014 Garlic Mustard Pull at Trillium Trail

Help free the Trillium from a noxious invader!



Garlic mustard, a wintergreen noxious invader is 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 2013 Garlic Mustard Pull, approximately 125 large garbage bags (up from the 2012 number of 80), were pulled by 45 volunteers (up from 18). Most of the parent and student volunteers were from the Fox Chapel Area School District. The students earned community credit hours. We would like to see 250 large garbage bags filled this year, so we need you!

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 parks to their original natural state. Please come, rain or shine, with four large plastic garbage bags, bug spray, and gardening gloves. The plants are easily pulled 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/%7Eekalisz/>).

What is 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, and not having any natural enemies, 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 spring to mid summer. If in doubt on how to identify, please read about it here at the USDA National Agricultural Library <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/garlicmustard.shtml>

And watch the DNREC video here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxzibZcXbBc&feature=player_embedded

Please come rain or shine and help with the effort! Please ask everyone you know to participate and bring all members of your fam²y! Share this call for volunteers with all your friends and neighbors!

DAY AND TIME: RAIN OR SHINE!

Weekend 1: Apr 26 (Saturday)

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

Apr 27 (Sunday)

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

Weekend 2: May 3 (Saturday)

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

May 4 (Sunday)

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

Location: Meet at the Lower Trillium Trail entrance

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

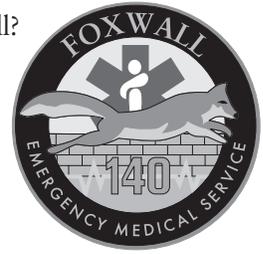
What to Bring: Bug spray, 4 Large Garbage Bags, Gardening Gloves, Water, Friends to Help!

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



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.



THINK SPRING!

The Squaw Run Garden Club will be holding its annual flower sale on Saturday, May 3rd, 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 donated from our Members' gardens. Proceeds from the May Sale benefit local gardening projects such as the Aspinwall Riverfront Park, landscaping the new library, enhancing the Trillium Trails, Camp Guyasuta and providing educational projects at local schools. Come out to Squaw Valley Park to support your community and be inspired with our wonderful collection of plants.



GARDEN & LANDSCAPE
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Saturday,
April 12, 2014
8:00 AM – 4:00 AM

Shady Side Academy Senior School
423 Fox Chapel Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

<http://extension.psu.edu/garden-landscape-symposium>

Join us as we learn from renowned horticultural experts and authors:

Michael Dirr, Noble Trees, Flowering and Evergreen Shrubs

Sinclair Adam, Plants of Promise for American Gardens

Maryann Frazier, Will There Still be Honey for Tea?

Jeff Gillman, The Truth About Organic Gardening

The Symposium includes breakfast and lunch and plenty of time to shop at the Garden Marketplace.

The fee is \$105 before March 1st, \$120 after March 1st.

For more information and to register, visit: <http://extension.psu.edu/garden-landscape-symposium>

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Daffodil Show: 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Ice Rink at Shady Side Academy Senior School Campus

Free and open to the public

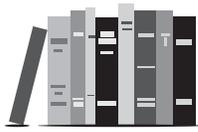
The Garden Marketplace features unusual, hard-to-find perennials, annuals, shrubs, lettuce bowls, terrariums, cacti and succulents, and garden accessories.

Entirely indoors. Parking is convenient and plentiful.

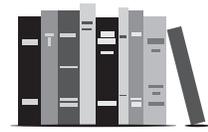
Come shop the Marketplace!

Presented by:





Cooper-Siegel



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LOVE THE LIBRARY WILL BE HELD THIS APRIL. DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Tartan Day
- Post Gazette's Doug Oster on Gardening
- Women: Dealing with Divorce Workshop
- Library Walking Program Begins in April
- Monarch Butterflies with Speaker Sally Foster
- How-To Day
- Local author book signings
- "Downtown Abbey" Tea
- Get Fit with Elena
- Computers for Beginners
- Free Streaming, Downloadable Music and Movies
- Free Continuing Education Courses
- Free eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines
- Library Delivery to Homebound Residents

To register and for info, call 412/828-9520 x 215
or email coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net

TEEN PROGRAMS

- After Hours Art Club
- Teen Newsletter
- Make-It for Mom

To register and for info, call 412-828-9520 x 210

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Toddler Story Times
- Preschool Story Times

Registration required for Children's Programs.
Please call 412/828-9520 x 218

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Geronimo Stilton
- Earth Day
- Mother/Daughter Tea
- Pet Show
- Birthday Book Club
- Summer Reading Program for Children, Teens and Adults



FOX CHAPEL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION



Come one; come all to our Annual Trail Mix Party at Squaw Valley Park in partnership with the North Hills Optimists Club to celebrate the successful Trails Project

Wednesday, May 28 • 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Enjoy Great Food, Drinks, Music
Kids' Fun and Adult Ducky Races

Suggested Donation: \$20.00 per family or \$10 per person
All proceeds benefit the Trails Project



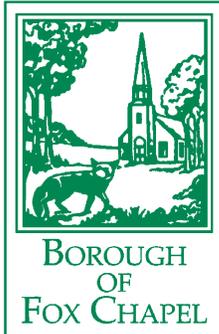
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**BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL
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Ann R. Meyer
James M. Royston
Thomas A. Karet

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

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

**ZONING
HEARING BOARD**

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John B. Montgomery
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Meets as needed on the Wednesday following the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

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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.**