

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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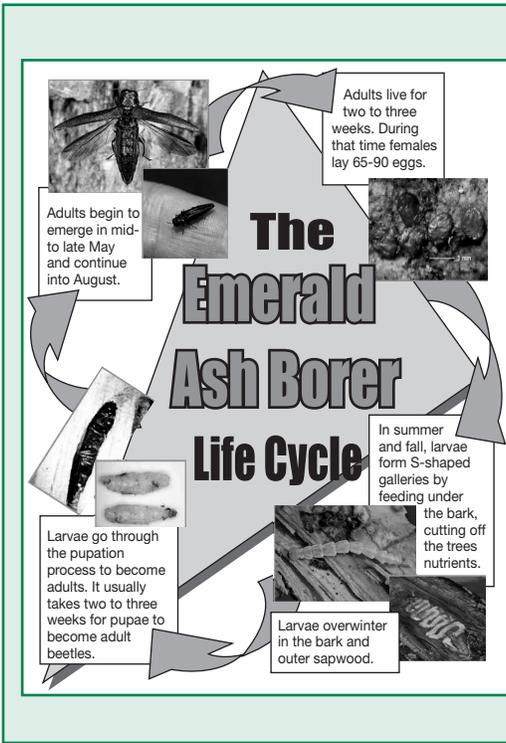
Fox Chapel Borough &
Fox Chapel District Association



Summer 2012

EMERALD ASH BORER

Cases of emerald ash borer continue to surface throughout the Borough. The Borough lost several ash trees in Salamander Park that have since been replaced with native tree and shrub species including Red Maples, Redbuds, Hawthorns, Magnolias, Witch Hazel and Serviceberry. Heavily-infested ash trees should be removed and destroyed by chipping, burial or burning. Firewood should not be transported from areas known to be infested by emerald ash borer. Maintain the health of ash trees with good cultural practices including pruning, fertilization, proper mulching and irrigation during dry periods and treatment by an arborist with an injected insecticide. This will reduce stress and improve the tolerance of trees to borer attacks. An in-depth article on this disease appeared in the summer 2011 newsletter which is available on the Borough website. 🐾



LST (LOCAL SERVICES TAX)

All employees whose primary place of business is located in Fox Chapel Borough must pay a \$52 Local Services Tax for emergency services and road maintenance. Each employer in the Borough, including residents with home occupations, is charged with the duty of deducting the tax from each of his employees and remitting payment to Keystone Collections Group, 546 Wendell Road, Irwin, PA 15642 (724/978-0300), www.keystonecollects.com, within thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter. An employee subject to the tax shall be assessed by the employer a pro rata share of the tax for each payroll period in which the person is working. The pro rata share for a payroll period shall be determined by dividing the \$52 annual tax by the number of payroll periods established by the employer for the calendar year. For example, if payroll is bi-weekly, the rate to be withheld per employee is \$52/26 or \$2 per payroll. Any person whose total earned income and net profits from all sources within the Borough is less than \$12,000 may annually file an exemption certificate with the Borough and with the person's employer. This exemption certificate can be found on the Borough's website www.fox-chapel.pa.us. 🐾

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for trail work in the Fox Chapel parks. Work would include, among other things, pulling invasive plants, trimming branches, and planting. Anyone interested should email the Borough at foxchap@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 for the Trillium Trail. The Park Commission would also like to thank Guyasuta Garden Club for its \$300 donation towards tree plantings in Salamander Park. 🐾

Thank You!



GARBAGE COLLECTION

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



Just a reminder to residents regarding observance of the rubbish bins rules and regulations. There have been instances where residents have thrown materials on the ground when told the items cannot be deposited in the bins, most notably food waste and building materials (food waste attracts rodents). Those residents have since received citations from the Fox Chapel Police Department and may have bin privileges revoked. Abuse of the bins has been a prevalent problem over the years and that practice must cease. The Borough thanks those residents who continue to obey the rules of the rubbish bins. Residents are also reminded that the garbage collector will take items weighing up to 45 pounds with the weekly trash collection (i.e. chair, table, microwave). 🐾

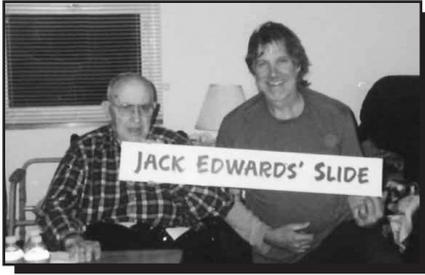
HOURS

Saturday & Sunday 10 AM-4 PM (Except Holidays)

**FOOD WASTE
ATTRACTS RODENTS**



A TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND



Dempsey Bruce, PWD Supt., presents Jack Edwards with his sign.

The Park Commission recently paid tribute to our friend Jack Edwards by adding his name to the slide at

McCahill Park. Jack suggested that the slide be added to the playground equipment because "all parks need a sliding board!" Jack, a 40-year employee of the Borough, recently had a stroke and had to fully-retire from the Borough. Jack was loved by all who met him, and he will be sorely missed! The Bor-

ough wishes Jack all the best and wants him to know he will always be in our thoughts. 🐾



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.

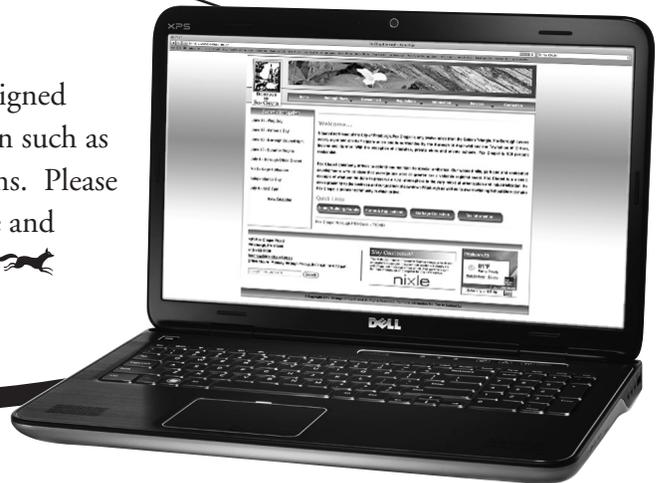
Police Chief David Laux would like to remind drivers of two new laws recently enacted by the State of Pennsylvania. It is now illegal to text while driving. Parents should advise teenage drivers to turn cell phones off while operating a motor vehicle. There is also a new regulation for sharing the road with a bicyclist. 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 new 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. 🐾

REDESIGNED WEBSITE

The Borough recently had its website redesigned in hopes of making it easier to find information such as tax collection, phone numbers and various forms. Please take the time to view the updated website and familiarize yourself with its contents. 🐾

www.fox-chapel.pa.us



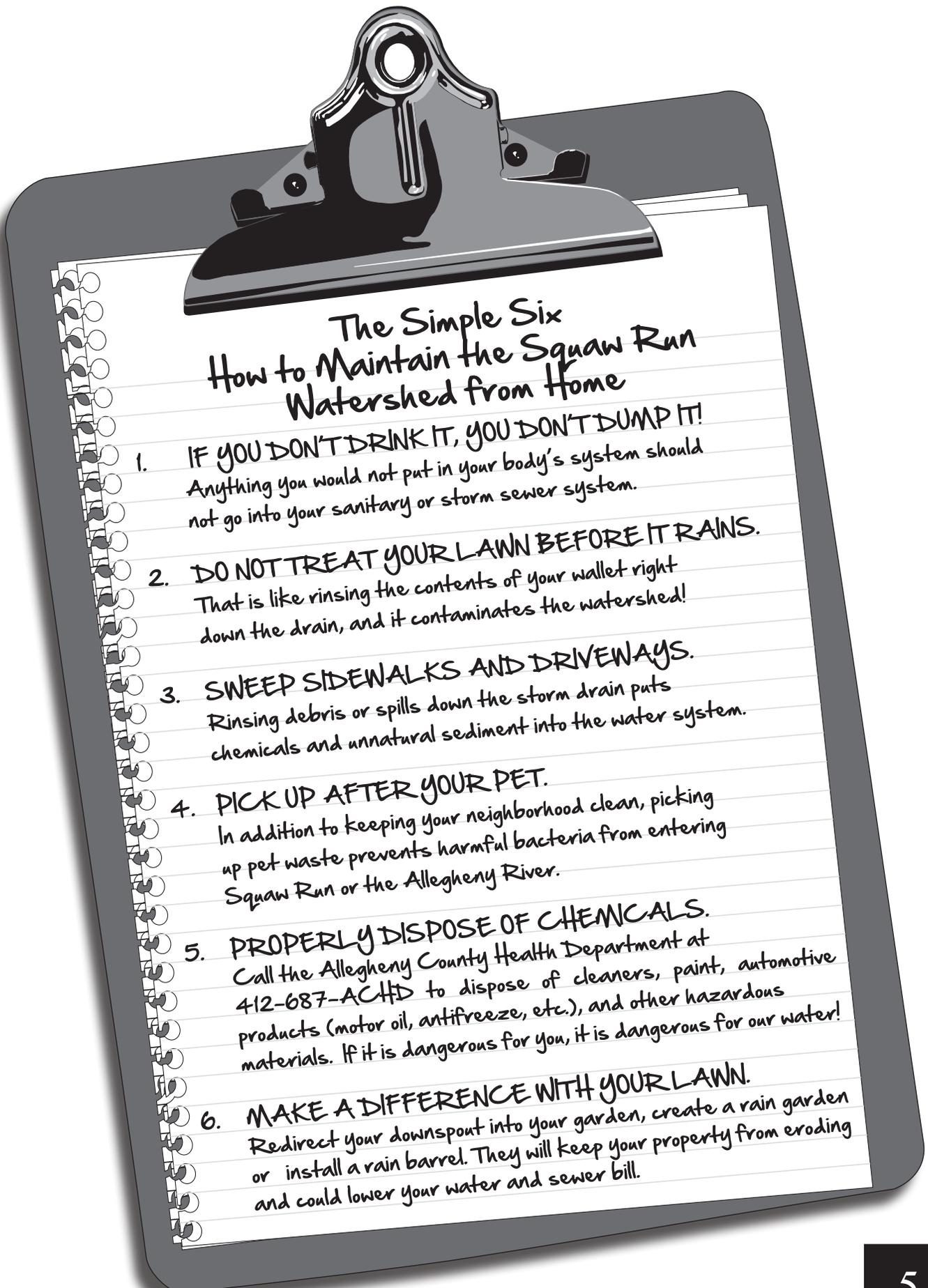
FOX CHAPEL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Fox Chapel District Association held its spring party-meeting at Squaw Valley Park on May 31st, from 6 - 8 p.m., an annual event that has in the past few years benefitted the Trails. Close to 300 people enjoyed the great food, Shady Side Academy's Suburban Interest band, North Hills Optimists' ducky races, a train around the lake for the kids and balloon sculptures of every size and shape. The weather was perfect; the comradery consummate.

And this is what we are all about - a "comradery" that cares and shares throughout the entire school district. This past year, in addition to raising money for the Aspinwall Riverfront Park, we have supported the Cooper-Siegel Community Library and Sharpsburg Community Library, St. Margaret's Foundation, Boyd Community Center, Friends of the Riverfront, the Fox Chapel Arts Gala, and Network of Hope in Sharpsburg. You should know that our monthly meeting doors are open to you and your charitable need. You need only contact a member of our Board to schedule yourself at a Board meeting armed with your request.

In the meantime, have a nice summer. Enjoy the Marina, successfully operating under the Crookstons, and wait for the next report upon completion of the plans now in process. Of course, should you want to donate to the Park in the meantime, please do through our website or by sending your donation to FCDA, P.O. Box 111595, 15238. If you are not already a part of us, JOIN: FoxChapelDistrictAssociation.org.

You'll be glad you did! 🐾



The Simple Six How to Maintain the Squaw Run Watershed from Home

1. **IF YOU DON'T DRINK IT, YOU DON'T DUMP IT!**
Anything you would not put in your body's system should not go into your sanitary or storm sewer system.
2. **DO NOT TREAT YOUR LAWN BEFORE IT RAINS.**
That is like rinsing the contents of your wallet right down the drain, and it contaminates the watershed!
3. **SWEEP SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS.**
Rinsing debris or spills down the storm drain puts chemicals and unnatural sediment into the water system.
4. **PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET.**
In addition to keeping your neighborhood clean, picking up pet waste prevents harmful bacteria from entering Squaw Run or the Allegheny River.
5. **PROPERLY DISPOSE OF CHEMICALS.**
Call the Allegheny County Health Department at 412-687-ACHD to dispose of cleaners, paint, automotive products (motor oil, antifreeze, etc.), and other hazardous materials. If it is dangerous for you, it is dangerous for our water!
6. **MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR LAWN.**
Redirect your downspout into your garden, create a rain garden or install a rain barrel. They will keep your property from eroding and could lower your water and sewer bill.



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE SOLICITATIONS

The FOP is again soliciting donations to “benefit the Fox Chapel Police Department.” Residents are advised that such solicitations are bogus as the police are supported entirely through your tax dollars. 

DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENT PERMIT

While planning property improvement projects, 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. 



No Soliciting



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. 

No Excuses



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

- Summer Reading Program
- Wise Walk
- Jack Bogut
- Tuesday morning senior events
- Cross-Stitch Embroidery Workshop
- Hummingbird Workshop
- Where to Turn Series
- Geocaching and Orienteering
- UPMC Physicians Series
- College Admissions Boot Camp
- Demystifying College Admissions
- Facebook and LinkedIn for Professional Growth
- Library Lecture Series
- Computer Classes
- Library Delivery Homebound Residents
- Book Discussion Groups
- Book Group Leader Packets
- 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 

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Toddler Story Times
- Preschool Story Times
- Baby Lap-sit
- Bedtime Stories
- Summer Reading Program Party
- Lunch on the Lawn Book Club
- Dreams Hopes and Wishes
- Lego Days
- Our Planets and Moons
- Movie Matinee
- Magic, Music & Pizza
- Make a Splash
- Teddy Bear Picnic
- End of Summer Reading Partyn

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

TEEN PROGRAMS

- Teen Summer Reading Program
- "Books and Bagels" book group
- Creating dream journals.

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



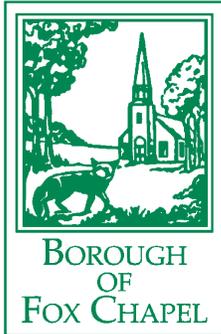
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Walter A. Scott, III
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Daniel H. Sliger
Jay S. Troutman

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

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Nanette Bennett
Lane D. Dively
James M. Royston
Jeffrey B. Todd

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
James W. Pashek
Maria Harrington
Dotty Nielsen

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.**