

# FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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## GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE COOPER-SIEGEL FAMILY COMMUNITY LIBRARY IN FOX CHAPEL

The Community Center and Library Association (CCLA) held a ground-breaking ceremony on May 12, 2010 to construct a new 24,000+ square foot library to be located on 403 Fox Chapel Road, adjacent to the Fox Chapel Municipal Building. The new library will provide residents of the Fox Chapel Area School District a modern facility specifically designed to provide library services and programs.

“The new library will boast the latest technology, an increased collection, a themed children’s room, a local history archive, and study, reading, and meeting rooms,” explains Stephanie Flom, CCLA’s Executive Director. As programs and services have grown, the space at the Powers Run Road site has become severely strained. Building consultants evaluated the site and square footage needs for future use. The outdated 50-year-old school building that houses library and community center services is no longer sufficient for present and future programs. It was determined that expansion of these services could only be accomplished in two larger, purpose-built facilities. CCLA has been fund raising to meet the costs of new library and community center buildings and is now constructing the library facility with funds raised to date.

“We are proud to name the new library the Cooper-Siegel Family



*Groundbreaking ceremony on May 12, 2010. From left to right: Nate Parker, Verne Koch, Stephanie Flom, Naomi Siegel, Eric Cooper and Harry McLaughlin, Jr.*

Community Library after receiving a lead gift from the Cooper-Siegel Family Foundation. We are so very thankful for this tremendous gift which made this library project a reality. Our whole community will benefit from this important project for many future generations,” says Harry McLaughlin, CCLA Board President.

Naomi Weisberg Siegel, Eric Cooper and their family are great believers in libraries. Naomi Siegel holds a Master’s Degree in Library Science. Eric Cooper, distinguished service professor at Carnegie Mellon University, is a founder of FORE Systems, Inc. Siegel explains their gift, “We all have a stake in our libraries. They provide us with the information we need or want. They supply us with entertainment, with excitement, with inspiration. Every time I deferred buying a book in fa-

vor of checking it out of the library, I vowed to make a contribution equivalent to the amount I’ve saved. After almost 25 years of promising this, we’re doing it. I think we’ll still owe the library.”

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CCLA has secured \$5.8 million toward the \$6 million goal to cover costs for the new library. "I am happy for the great success of this capital campaign. The new library is the result of dedicated efforts of many citizens and is an essential community asset," stated Verne Koch, Library Board President.

In addition to the Cooper-Siegel Family, the Borough of Fox Chapel has provided leadership support to the library, committing support from a reserve fund that will not impact tax dollars. The Borough donated the site for the new building and will contribute operating support to help maintain it. According to Council President Nate Parker, "It is Council's hope that by assuming a leadership position in the drive for new building funds, the Borough's

commitment will help CCLA complete its fund drive."

CCLA has raised over \$8.3 million toward a total goal of \$13 million for the Building Community, Enriching Lives campaign to build a new library and a new community center, improving these programs and services for the residents of Aspinwall, Blawnox, Fox Chapel, Indiana, O'Hara Township, Sharpsburg and neighboring areas. Other support includes O'Hara Township's pledge of \$1 million for the new community center, CCLA's board and campaign committee, other government sources, and local residents, businesses, and foundations.

CCLA will keep fund raising to meet remaining campaign needs as the new library is being construct-

ed. Campaign Co-Chairs are Jon and Angela Kamin, Tom and Laura Karet, Bryant and Wendy Mitchell, Maureen O'Brien, and Alex and Cris Scott. Construction for a community center will begin after completing the library once sufficient funds are in place. The new community center will be built at the Powers Run Road site, O'Hara Township.

Founded in 1982, the nonprofit CCLA oversees the library and community center at 1220 Powers Run Road. The library hosts a collection of 80,000 books, electronic tools and media, periodicals, databases, and educational programs. The community center provides cultural, educational, and recreational classes and workshops, children's summer camps and after-school programs, and special events. 

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## Garbage Collection

Later this year, the existing garbage and recycling collection contract will expire. At the direction of Borough Council, the Borough Manager will seek competitive bids for a new collection contract that will reduce the costs associated with this service. Currently, the Borough's monthly rate for garbage service is 3 times more expensive than other local municipalities. Over the current 5-year garbage contract, the price for garbage collection has risen from \$395,487 in 2005 to \$912,925 in 2010 and is expected to continue to rise. Currently, approximately 1 mill of the total real estate tax millage of 2.3 mills is garbage related. The Borough has engaged a consultant experienced in the solid waste industry to find ways to reduce these costs. The requirement of back-door collection service for all homes is a major contributing factor to these higher-than-normal rate increases.

Borough Council has agreed to conduct a survey of garbage collection alternatives and is enclosed in this newsletter. Please take the time to complete the survey and return to the Borough office. The survey is also available on line at [www.fox-chapel.pa.us](http://www.fox-chapel.pa.us) <<http://www.fox-chapel.pa.us/>> .

We would like to remind homeowners to instruct their landscapers and other contractors not to impede the garbage collector's access to your garbage containers. If the driveway is blocked so that Waste Management's collectors cannot get to the garbage, it will need to bring it to the street. Otherwise, the collectors are authorized to pass by until the following week. If the landscaper normally comes on the day that garbage is collected, try to get him to reschedule to another day as we're finding more and more instances where the garbage collectors can't get to the garbage because of landscapers' trucks and trailers.

Residents are also reminded that garbage MUST be bagged and tied, placed in garbage containers and placed outside your garage door by 7 AM. Check the Borough's website at [www.fox-chapel.pa.us](http://www.fox-chapel.pa.us) or dial 412/963-1100 x 46 for changes in the collection schedule. 

## Holiday Garbage Collections and Office Closings

In observance of the July 4th holiday, all Borough offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th. There will be no change in the garbage collection schedule. All Borough offices will be closed Monday, September 6th, for Labor Day. Household garbage will not be collected on Labor Day. Garbage collection the week of Labor Day will be Tuesday through Saturday. 🐾

### 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. 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. 🐾

### Foxwall EMS

In 2009, Foxwall EMS provided emergency care and transportation to nearly 1,000 people from the combined service areas of Fox Chapel, Aspinwall and Blawnox. This means that you have a 1 in 10 chance of personally needing to call Foxwall for service this year. As it celebrates its 32nd year of service in August, Foxwall remains one of the few volunteer staffed EMS systems in Southwestern Pennsylvania. This fact alone has saved the communities a great deal of revenue over the years, and Foxwall continues to offer quality emergency medical care and transportation to the ill and injured.

Since moving to its new headquarters on Squaw Run Road, Foxwall has grown in many ways.



It is currently staffed with 56 **volunteer** EMTs, Paramedics and Health Care Professionals ready to serve at a moment's notice. It operates two Advanced Life Support ambulances 24/7 and continues to provide mutual aid responses for the neighboring communities when requested. Foxwall relies solely on annual (residential and business) subscriptions and 3rd party insurance

reimbursement to meet its day-to-day operational costs. Foxwall does not receive municipal funding or tax revenues to provide this lifesaving service.

Once again, Foxwall asks for your continued financial support with paid individual, family or business subscription or tax deductible contribution! Visit the website at [www.foxwall.org](http://www.foxwall.org) and become an EMS volunteer, to join or renew your subscription or to see the many upcoming events and training opportunities available to area residents and their families. Please call any questions at 412/963-6611.

***For Life Savings... Invest in EMS!***

# Lauri Ann West Memorial Library

1220 Powers Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
Phone: 412-828-9520 • Fax: 412-828-4960 Email: lawestref@einetnetwork.net  
www.lauriannwestlibrary.org

## 📖 Adult Programs 📖

**For more information on any of these programs, please send an email to lawestref@einetnetwork.net or call the Reference Dept. at 412-828-9520 x 15.**

### Summer Reading Program

Enter to win a prize in the summer reading program for adults. You only need to read four books during the summer to qualify.

### Understanding Memory Loss

On Thursday, September 16, at 7:00 PM, the library will present a program about how memory loss occurs, the 10 warning signs of memory loss and how to diagnose it. **Lois Lutz** of the Alzheimer's Association will lead the presentation.

### Bach and Jazz

The presentation will be led by **Flavio Chamis** and **Tatjana Mead Chamis**. Live performances will be featured with an explanation of the musical compositions performed. Tatjana Mead Chamis is an Associate Principal Viola of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Flavio Chamis is a Brazilian composer and conductor.

### UPMC Physicians Series

This series begins in September. Various health topics will be discussed by UPMC physicians.

### Food for Life: Nutrition and Cooking Classes

This class will beheld for four consecutive Mondays. Board certified holistic health counselor Janet McKee will present a valuable program of information and cooking demonstrations with light meals designed to show how a healthy diet can cut down your risk of cancer.

### Computer Classes

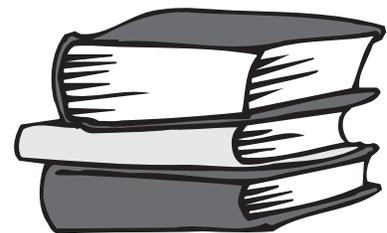
The library offers classes on Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint, Basic Digital Photography and beginning computer classes year round.

### Book Discussion Groups

Our Booked for Lunch group meets the second Friday of each month at 12:00 PM. Our Evening Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Both groups read and discuss general fiction and non-fiction. New members are welcome.

### Library Delivery to Homebound Residents

Please call the library at 412/828-9520 x 28.



## Fox Chapel Area High School Homecoming 2010

The Fox Chapel Area High School 2010 Homecoming Football Game will be played Friday, September 24, 2010. The Fox Chapel Area High School Foxes will play the Knoch High School Knights at 7 p.m. at the Fox Chapel Area High School Stadium.

For the third year, a community homecoming parade will be held before the game beginning at 5 PM. The parade begins at the Community Swim Club on Aqua Drive and will end at the Fox Chapel Area High School Stadium. It will feature the Fox Chapel Area High School marching band, the dance team, the homecoming court (including a local senior citizen king and queen), children from all four of the district's elementary schools (Fairview, Hartwood, Kerr, and O'Hara) and Dorseyville Middle School, local community leaders and organizations, and fire trucks. Additionally, the freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes will participate in the parade and this year's homecoming theme is "MTV Video Music Awards." Community residents wishing to watch the parade are encouraged to park at O'Hara Elementary School and line up along the parade route.



Additionally, there will be a Little Foxes Den September 24th from 4 - 5:30 PM on the lawn outside the high school's large group instruction room. The den will have free activities for children ages eight and under including face painting, storytelling, crafts, and games. The children will be invited to join the homecoming parade through the school parking lot.

All members of the community are invited to attend the homecoming game festivities. Admission to the game is \$3 for students/\$5 for adults. Admission is free for district senior citizens who have a Gold Card.

All homecoming activities are coordinated and sponsored by the Fox Chapel Area High School Student Government. Fox Chapel Area High School is located at 611 Field Club Road in O'Hara Township. 

### ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION (from 5 – 6 PM):

The homecoming parade will involve some temporary (approximately 15 minutes or less) road closures. Roads and/or portions of roads that will be closed during the parade include: Aqua Drive, Powers Run Road (after the Falconhurst plan and ending at Cabin Lane), Driftwood Drive, Cabin Lane, Salem Circle, Timber Lane, and Field Club Road (from Timber Lane to the Fox Chapel Area High School auditorium entrance). 

## Meals-on-Wheels

Aspinwall Meals-on-Wheels provides service in Fox Chapel as well as Sharpsburg, Aspinwall, Blawnox and O'Hara and is looking for angels in the community. For less than \$3/meal, one can provide ten delicious and nutritional meals each week to someone in the community who could not otherwise afford the service. Aspinwall Meals-on-Wheels receives no funding. Donations are what keep the kitchen doors open. For as few as three hours a month, you can become a volunteer. Earn wings by become a Meals-on-Wheels angel. Join an amazing organization, make new friends and help make our community a better place. For more information or to donate or volunteer, please call 412/820-8350.



## Guyasuta Garden Club

On Wednesday, November 10th, the Guyasuta Garden Club will present "Prelude to the Holidays" featuring a lecture demonstration by Libbey Hodges Oliver, formal floral designer of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and author of Williamsburg Christmas and Flowers Are Almost Forever. Doors open at 10:00 AM for Raffle and Teacup Auction, lecture-demonstration at 11:00 AM and lunch at 12 Noon. Proceeds to benefit local landscaping programs for Pittsburgh Habitat for Humanity.

### Volunteers needed

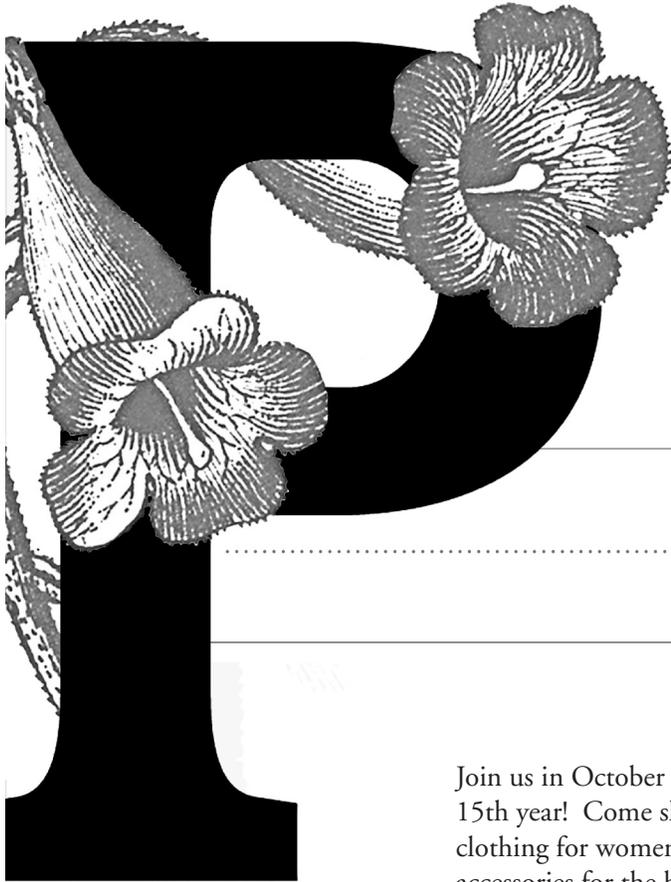
Volunteers are needed for trail work in the Fox Chapel parks. Work would include, among other things, pulling invasive plants, trimming branches, and planting. Anyone interested should email [nfales1@aol.com](mailto:nfales1@aol.com).

## District Association

Summer is upon us, and that can only mean one thing...the 2010 Follies are coming! Due to popular demand, this enchanting evening of entertainment is increasing its number of performances from four nights to six nights this year. Be among the first to reserve your table as the past two shows have completely sold out. Join us for a hysterical look at life in our district over the past three years.



The Follies will be held over two weekends this coming November – 11th, 12th and 13th and the 18th, 19th and 20th. For the first time ever, a pre-sale of full tables is being offered to current members of the Fox Chapel District Association. For each Thursday night performance, tables of 10 are available for \$600; tables of 10 for Friday and Saturday shows can be purchased for \$750. Invitations to the general public will be mailed in September. If you are a member of the FCDA, take advantage of this opportunity to ensure your seat at what surely will be the hottest ticket in town. If you are not a member, use this as your chance to join an organization that is committed to enhancing the quality of life in our area. For an annual fee of only \$35 per family, you can become a part of the FCDA. View our website at [www.foxchapeldistrictassociation.org](http://www.foxchapeldistrictassociation.org) to see what we are all about. Talk to your friends and reserve your table! Table requests and monies can be sent to the FCDA, P. O. Box 111595, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 (Visa and MasterCard are also accepted.)



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### **Save the dates!**

Join us in October at the Fox Chapel Golf Club as Pizzazz celebrates its 15th year! Come shop distinctive boutiques from throughout the country – clothing for women, men and children, jewelry, fine linens, irresistible gifts, accessories for the home and garden, stationary, antiques, delectable edibles and toys for all ages.

#### Wednesday, October 20th

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Preview Party for Benefactors, Patrons, Sponsors and Guests

#### Thursday, October 21st

9:30 AM to 5:30 PM – Shopping open to all, General Admission \$10

Light lunch available

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM – Special Night Out & Shopping

Light supper available

#### Friday, October 22nd

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM – Shopping open to all, General Admission \$10

Light lunch available

The event is sponsored by the Garden Club of Allegheny County, a member of the Garden Club of America, both non-profit organizations. This year's proceeds from Pizzazz will support the green roof on Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' Center for Sustainable Landscapes. For questions, go to [www.gcacpgh.org](http://www.gcacpgh.org) or to have your name added to the invitation list, please email [ktharbison@verizon.net](mailto:ktharbison@verizon.net).

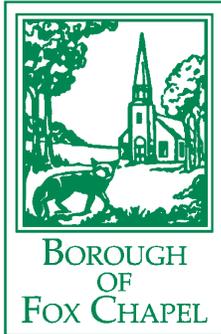
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**MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE BOROUGH BUILDING AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.  
ALL RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.**