

FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Memo

Nate Parker

The Borough has lost a lifelong community volunteer who had a hand in much of what is good in Fox Chapel today. When I first met Nate in the 1970's he was working with a group on a land development project. This plan added substantial land to Borough parks and extended the Trillium Trail to the Fox Chapel Racquet Club which helped preserve the character of the Squaw Run Valley. Nate served as President of the Fox Chapel School Board and Senior Warden of the Fox Chapel Episcopal Church (now Christ Church) where he organized the Columbarium. He was a co-founder of the Racquet Club and President of Fox Chapel Borough Council for over 20 years. He was an efficient leader who did a lot of work behind the scenes. Visitors at Borough meetings were treated like they were guests in his home, not what one might expect at a government meeting! One of his initial projects on Council was to work out a complicated, cost-sharing arrangement between Harmar, O'Hara and Fox Chapel regarding the sewer systems. When I asked former Borough Manager Bill Gordon to discuss Nate's work, he said: "I can sum up what Nate did in Fox Chapel in one word – Everything!" There is unanimous agreement on Borough Council that the new Library would not have been built without Nate, the late Mayor Harry McLaughlin and Verne Koch. It was a complex project that involved a 4-party legal agreement, and Nate seemed to be the only person who could direct Council through the legal and financial process needed to get it done. Part of his vision was to assist in working with O'Hara Township on the new Community Center having recognized that the communities could not do these projects alone. Both amenities will serve the Fox Chapel area communities well for years to come. Bud Toole, one of Nate's closest friends, told personal stories about the two of them growing up together and reiterated that Nate was always interested in improving the Borough. Please stop in the Library to see the plaque commemorating Nate. As you turn into the parking lot on "Parker Place", you will be on a short street, but there is a long list of accomplishments behind the naming of that street!

Look for information about another history day in Fox Chapel in the next newsletter. Also coming is information about the opening of the new trails.

-Alex Scott-

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Storm Water Management

The Simple Six

How to Maintain the Squaw Run Watershed in Fox Chapel 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, Public Drinking Water & Waste Management Recycling Program, at 412/578-8390 to dispose of cleaners, paint, automotive products (motor oil, anti-freeze, 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.



Dog Walkers



Residents are asked to please be respectful and responsible when walking their dogs by cleaning up and disposing of waste properly. The Borough receives many complaints about waste left along roads and trails or bags of waste thrown in trees along the trails. Please do the right thing when walking your dog. The Borough and fellow residents thank you!



Park Trail Extension

Have you seen the new trail along Squaw Run Road? Well, it's almost finished. Borough forces will soon be installing two bridges as the final piece of the project expected to be completed this fall. You can now walk from Fay Park/Salamander Park (the southern end of the Borough) all the way to Beechwood Farms (the northern end of the Borough), a total of 3.75 miles. The Borough and Park Commission are excited about completing the final link. Special thanks to Jim Pashek, Alex Scott and the Public Works Department for seeing this come to fruition! The updated Fox Chapel Trails Map can be found on the website at www.fox-chapel.pa.us.



Real Estate Tax Drop-Off

Jordan Tax Service is the designated real estate tax collector. A representative from Jordan Tax will be available at the Borough office to accept real estate tax payments on Friday, July 29th, from 9 AM to noon. Jordan Tax can be reached at 412/345-7962, www.jordantax.com or at 102 Rahway Road, McMurray, PA 15317.



Road Projects

The Public Works Department has installed underdrains, repaired/replaced catch basins, manholes and storm and sanitary sewers along Rockwood Drive, Long Shadow Court, Hallsborough Drive, Jamesborough Drive, Wilmar Drive, Hunt Club Lane, Wedgewood Lane and Woodbrook Drive in preparation of road paving. 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.



Garbage Collection – Blocked Driveways

A reminder to homeowners to instruct landscapers and other contractors not to impede the garbage collector's access to the garbage containers. If the driveway is blocked and Vogel Disposal's collectors do not have clear access to the garbage, the collectors are authorized to pass by until the following week. (Due to the number of complaints of missed collections, Vogel Disposal takes pictures of blocked driveways.) If the landscaper normally comes on the day that garbage is collected, it is recommended that the garbage be brought to the curb to avoid being skipped for the week or ask your landscaper to park along the road if feasible. Thank you for your cooperation.



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. There are also recycling bins at the Borough's rubbish bins for cardboard and metal. The bins are open Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM – 4 PM.

	<u>2015</u>
All recyclables except leaves	493 Tons
Leaf waste	9,429 Tons



Attention All Photographers

As part of our redesigned website, the Borough is looking for a volunteer(s) to take pictures for the website of the Borough Building, Cooper-Siegel Library, Shady Side Academy, Beechwood Farms, private clubs and churches as well as scenic pictures in the parks. There are many beautiful and historic areas of the Borough that can be photographed. Please send them to dabate@fox-chapel.pa.us. We look forward to seeing your photos!



Office Closings/Holiday Garbage Collection Delay

The Borough office will be closed Monday, July 4th, and Monday, September 5th (Labor Day). Garbage collection for both weeks will be Tuesday through Saturday (delayed one day following the holiday).





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PROJECT D.U.M.P. AIMS TO HELP PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY

(ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA) – In response to the prescription opiate and heroin pandemic that continues to besiege the country, having already victimized countless Allegheny County individuals and families in its wake, the Sheriff's Office has implemented an initiative to help residents safely eliminate unused and expired narcotic medications. Through Project D.U.M.P., short for the Disposal of Unused Medications Properly, Allegheny County citizens can contact a Sheriff's Office Evidence Custodian, who will report to their residence and take possession of any unwanted medications. The Sheriff's Office hopes this program will help curtail opioid and heroin related overdoses and overdose deaths in Allegheny County.

"It is well established the abuse of opioid medications can lead to addiction, overdose and death. Studies also confirm the path of substance abuse for a large fraction of current heroin users began with the abuse of opioid medications," said Sheriff William Mullen. "Project D.U.M.P. is both a literal and figurative vehicle to keep unused prescription drugs away from individuals who may potentially abuse them."

Since the project started in April, Sheriff's Office Evidence Technician Deputy Joseph Cirigliano has confiscated nearly 500 pills from Allegheny County residents. The Sheriff's Office stresses drug take-back programs are among the safest options for disposing of unused prescription narcotics, and that medications such as Vicodin, Percocet and Oxycontin should not be thrown in the trash, flushed down the toilet or left around the house for others to access.

Allegheny County residents wanting to make an appointment for a sworn Sheriff's Office Evidence Technician to pick-up medication at their homes are invited to telephone the Project D.U.M.P. Hotline at 412-459-5000. Following recovery, all seized medications are legally disposed of through evidence destruction orders.

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Would you like to serve the Borough?

The Park Commission is seeking a new member. The Commission meets the second Monday in April, June, September and December, 9 AM, in the Borough Building. The Commission serves as steward for the Borough's park system. Interested residents should email their resume to dabate@fox-chapel.pa.us.

Soliciting

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, the property must be posted "No Soliciting". The Borough strongly urges residents to do so.



News from the Fox Chapel (Water) Authority

As part of its ongoing infrastructure maintenance program, the Fox Chapel Authority awarded a contract to repaint the Wise Hill Tank adjacent to Field Club Road in O'Hara Township. This tank was rehabilitated in 1995 and is expected to have another 20-25 years of service before it needs painted again. The contractor anticipates work beginning mid-June with completion mid-August, weather permitting. The initial phase of the project will entail noise levels associated with the removal of the existing paint to ensure longer life of the new paint.



Shady Side Academy



The Fox Chapel Farmers' Market at Shady Side Academy is open every Wednesday from 3-6 PM from June 15 - October 26 on the SSA Senior School campus at 423 Fox Chapel Road. The market features locally sourced, seasonal produce, food and specialty items from farms and vendors, including SSA's own campus farm. Come and enjoy live music and play a game of corn hole while enjoying dinner or a snack! Learn more at www.shadysideacademy.org/farmersmarket.

SSA Summer – Register Now!

Shady Side Academy offers a wide array of affordable, fun summer programs for kids entering grades K-12 on its two Fox Chapel campuses. SSA Summer offerings include day camps, sports camps, specialty camps, summer school classes for credit or enrichment, and more. Camps are filling up quickly, so register now at www.shadysideacademy.org/summer.

Ben Vereen at the Hillman Center

The Hillman Center for Performing Arts at Shady Side Academy is proud to present Tony Award-winning Broadway icon Ben Vereen for a one-night-only engagement on Saturday, September 17, at 7:30 PM. Buy your tickets now for Steppin' Out Live With Ben Vereen at www.thehillman.org.

SSA Fall Admissions

Shady Side Academy has limited openings in certain grades for the 2016-2017 school year. Interested families should contact the Admissions Office as soon as possible at 412/968-3180 or admissions@shadysideacademy.org.



Roadside Vegetation Maintenance – Homeowner Responsibility

Please keep vegetation along all property lines, especially at intersections, trimmed back three (3) feet from the road pavement. Vegetation not properly maintained can create vision problems and other hazardous conditions. Residents are also reminded to remove dead trees in the road right-of-way. Dead trees pose a public safety hazard. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



TV Recycling

TV recycling is becoming very difficult these days. Drop-off locations are offered by eLoop, 625 Plum Industrial Court, (Plum) 15229, 724/519-7646, and Evolution Recycling, 2235 Mary Street, (South Side) 15203, 412/390-3450. Call in advance for hours and fees. It is recommended to visit prc.org for upcoming hard-to-recycle events. Additional recycling information is available on the Borough's website.



In Memoriam

Nathan K. Parker, Jr.
1930-2016

Save the Dates for Pizzazz 2016!

at Fox Chapel Golf Club

Wednesday, October 19: 6 – 9 p.m. Preview Party

Thursday, October 20: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 21: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Garden Club of Allegheny County is pleased to announce the 21st anniversary of Pizzazz, the unique, 3-day shopping experience that attracts 28 vendors from up and down the east coast and as far west as Chicago.

This year 7 local artisans will join us, featuring their wares, unique foods and gift items. For more information, please visit our website at www.gcacpgh.org/pizzazz.



THE GARDEN CLUB OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY
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www.gcacpgh.org/pizzazz

Phone Numbers

The Borough receives many phone calls requesting phone numbers. Some of the most requested phone numbers are listed below for your use. We ask that residents refrain from calling the Borough for phone numbers thus keeping the phone lines open for Borough matters. We also encourage the use of the Borough's website for information regarding office closings, garbage collection delays, meeting schedules, etc., at www.fox-chapel.pa.us. Thank you for your cooperation.

Comcast	412/771-8100
Community Center	412/828-8566
Cooper-Siegel Library	412/828-9520
Duquesne Light Company	888/393-7000
Fox Chapel Police (Non-Emergency)	412/963-7220
Fox Chapel (Water) Authority	412/963-0212
Fox Chapel School District	412/963-9600
Foxwall EMS	412/963-6611
Jordan Tax Service (Real Estate Tax)	412/345-7963
Keystone Collections Group (Wage Tax)	724/978-0300
O'Hara Township (Squaw Valley Park)	412/782-1400
Verizon	800/837-4966
Vogel Disposal (Garbage Collection)	855/494-3345

Fire Truck Fundraiser Underway

Residents have received a solicitation letter from the Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department seeking donations for the purchase of a new fire truck in 2018. Please remember to support these volunteers who protect your homes and love ones. Mail checks made payable to Fox Chapel Borough VFD, to 401 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. For those who have donated, thank you!





Cooper-Siegel

COMMUNITY LIBRARY



403 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Library Walking Program
- Watercolor Painting
- Mix & Mingle Fundraiser with guest authors Nancy Martin and Kathleen Shoop
- Passages & Prose
- Get Fit with Elena
- Tea and Lunch at the Library
- Maker Nights
- Animal Rescue League presents Pennsylvania Birds of Prey
- Application Boot Camp
- Special Presidential Issues Series
- “Mindfulness”
- All about the Beatles with Peter King
- Organize and Downsize
- “Tastings” at the Library
- Mushroom Class and Walk
- Knitting Group
- Meditation with a Monk
- Adventures in the Burgh

Computer Classes

- Computers for Beginners
- E-readers and tablets available
- Free Streaming & Downloadable Music & Movies
- Free Continuing Education Courses
- Free eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines
- Library Delivery to Homebound Residents

For more information and a complete list of programs, send an email to coopersiegelref@einetwork.net or call the Reference Department at 412/828-9520 x 15. Consider donating your used books, DVDs, and more to the library - your donation is tax-deductible.

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

- Toddler Story Times
- Preschool Story Times
- Baby & Me

Registration is required. Please register by calling the Children’s Department at 412/828-9520 x 18.

TEEN PROGRAMS

- Mother Daughter Book Club
- Sci-Fi Book Club
- Teen Newsletter
- Moving Art: Create mobiles/kinetic sculpture
- Harry Potter’s Birthday
- Teen Trivia
- Summer Reading Party

Registration is required. Please register by calling the Teen Department at 412/828-9520 x 10.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Listen and Laugh
- Y on the Fly
- Carnegie Science Center presents Body System Break Down
- Lego Days
- Movie Nights
- Retro Outdoor Games
- Board & Card Games
- Teddy Bear Picnic
- Page Turners Kids Book Club
- Summer Reading Party



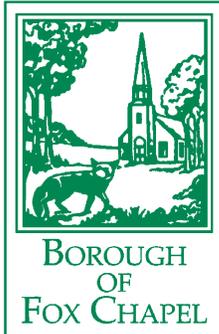
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**BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL
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James M. Royston
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Joy A. Hardt, *Treasurer*
Gary J. Koehler, *Manager*

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

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Walter A. Scott, III
Bruce H. Laswell
Peggy G. Jayme
Jay S. Troutman
Nanette Bennett
Austin Henry

Meets as needed on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 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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Nancy Fales
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Meets the 2nd Monday in April, June, September and December at 9:00 A.M.

**ZONING
HEARING BOARD**

Richard E. Jaynes, *Chairman*
J. Christian Hart
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**

Building Permits/
Zoning 412-850-5023
Public Works 412-850-5026
Sewer Department.. 412-850-5030

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.**