

# FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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## 2012 BUDGET APPROVED

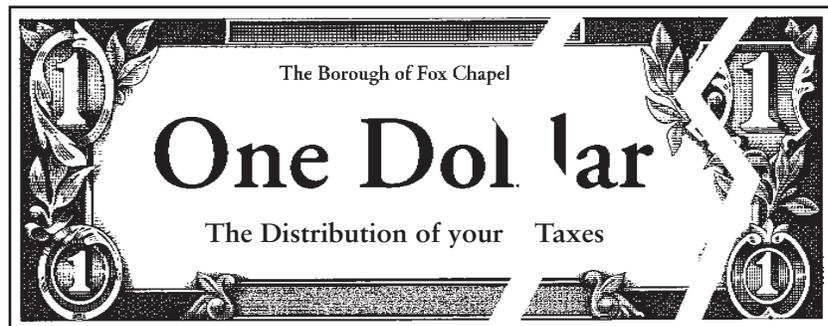
On December 19th, Borough Council approved the 2012 Budget and kept the real estate tax rate at 2.40 mills. As the illustration clearly indicates, the Borough tax is a very small portion of your total real estate tax bill.

(\$598,800) and Library (\$350,000). The difference between Revenue and Expenditures is offset by a reduction of reserves in the General Fund from \$800,000 to \$400,000.

The 2012 Budget may be reviewed in the Borough office during normal business hours or on the Borough's website at [www.fox-chapel.pa.us](http://www.fox-chapel.pa.us). 🐾

The 2012 Budget predicts that total General Fund revenue will be \$5,938,400. Major revenue sources are real estate taxes (\$2,338,400) and EIT (\$2,260,500). The 2012 Budget proposes General Fund expenditures equal to \$6,325,600. Major expenditures are Public Safety (\$1,725,900), Public Works (\$2,112,700), Refuse Collection (\$772,100), Administration

### WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR GOES



**SCHOOL**  
21.55 mills  
72.70%

**COUNTY**  
5.69 mills  
19.20%

**BOROUGH**  
2.40 mills  
8.10%

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT RETIRES



In 1981 when Nate Parker joined Council, Reagan was president, the Dodgers beat the Yankees in the World Series and a first class stamp was 15 cents. Boy that was a long time ago! Nate Parker chaired his last Council meeting on December 19th after 30 years on Borough Council, 17 years as President. Living in the Borough since childhood, Mr. Parker was very passionate about maintaining the beauty and aesthetics of the Borough desiring to keep it as a great place to live and raise a family. Mr. Parker was a driving force behind the construction of the Cooper-Siegel Library, probably his proudest accomplishment. He always felt that a community like Fox Chapel should have its own library, one complete with the best amenities possible. We think he succeeded! On behalf of the Borough and its residents, we would like to thank Mr. Parker for his 30 years of dedicated service to the Borough and wish him and his wife Dee all the best. 🐾

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Just a reminder to residents to notify the Borough in writing or email if you are interested in serving on a Borough committee. The three most active committees are the Environmental Advisory Council, Park Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board. 🐾

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## BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS REVISED

On November 21, 2011, Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. 681 which amended and restated the Borough's Natural Resources Protection and Assessment Ordinance (NRO). The new ordinance promotes the same purpose and goals of the original ordinance. The revisions of the ordinance are, among other things, intended to reduce costs and

streamline the application process for residents undertaking construction projects. A key change is the creation of the Environmental Disturbance Review Committee (EDRC). The EDRC, a subcommittee of the EAC, was established for the primary purpose of evaluating small construction projects, earth movement and other proposed projects to determine

if filing a Notice of Proposed Environmental Disturbance is required or if a simpler process can be followed. Residents are advised to contact Bob Smith, Code Enforcement Officer, early in the planning process to determine the direction to follow to obtain the necessary permits. Bob can be reached at 412/963-1100 x 113 or at [rjsmith@fox-chapel.pa.us](mailto:rjsmith@fox-chapel.pa.us). 

### BOROUGH WEBSITE

The Borough strongly encourages residents to visit the Borough's website [www.fox-chapel.pa.us](http://www.fox-chapel.pa.us) to get answers to frequently asked questions such as garbage collection schedules and office closings. 

### GARBAGE COLLECTION

The following is the 2012 garbage holiday collection schedule. Garbage will NOT be collected on these days resulting in a 1-day collection delay:

**Memorial Day,**  
Monday, May 28th

**July 4th,**  
Wednesday, July 4th

**Labor Day,**  
Monday, September 3rd

**Thanksgiving Day,**  
Thursday, November 22nd

**Christmas Day,**  
Tuesday, December 25th

**New Year's Day,**  
Tuesday, January 1st (2013)

Also, just a reminder that any bulk item 45 pounds or less can be picked up by Vogel Disposal on your scheduled garbage day eliminating the need to bring it to the rubbish bins. 

### RECYCLING REMINDERS

All Borough residents are reminded that all households in the Borough are required by Pennsylvania law to recycle all of the following materials:

-  Glass, food and beverage containers
-  Aluminum and bimetal cans including food and beverage containers, plus aluminum foil
-  Steel food cans
-  All plastic containers having the international recycling symbol on the bottom, regardless of the number
-  Newsprint, magazines, catalogs, phone books, corrugated paper, cardboard, junk mail, etc.



Your recyclables will be picked up the same day as your trash. ALL recyclable materials are to be placed in the recycling container provided by the Borough. Newspapers no longer need to be bound or placed in a separate paper bag before placing it in your recycling container. They can be commingled in the recycling bin. Your recyclables should be rinsed but the labels are not required to be removed. 

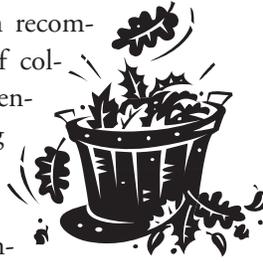
## DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENT PERMIT



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. 🐾

## SPRING LEAF COLLECTION CANCELLED

The Leaf Subcommittee of the Park Commission recommended to Borough Council that the spring leaf collection be cancelled because the Borough should encourage mulching leaves into the lawn, composting leaves or blowing leaves into wooded areas. The Committee will continue to discuss alternatives to the unsustainable and expensive practice of vacuuming leaves from the curb during the fall and recommends immediate cancellation of the spring leaf pickup due to lack of interest and use by the majority of the residents. Borough Council agreed and has therefore discontinued the spring leaf pickup. 🐾



## FOX CHAPEL (WATER) AUTHORITY

The Fox Chapel Authority is a separate entity from the Borough and is located in RIDC Park. Any questions regarding water pressure, a water break, water safety, etc., should be directed to the Water Authority, not the Borough office. Please call the Water Authority at 412/963-0212 with any water questions. Thank you. 🐾

## BRUSH COLLECTION

The Borough will provide spring brush collection beginning March 12th according to the schedule found in this newsletter. Please inform your landscapers of the collection schedule.

All brush must be placed at the roadside with the cut end toward the street. No tree limbs larger than five inches in diameter or eight feet in length will be collected. Hedges, vines, rose bushes, shrubs, multi-flora hedges, etc. must be securely tied in bundles not exceeding 16 inches in diameter. Loose hedges, vines, bushes, etc., will not be collected. No leaves, grass clippings or other debris will be collected as part of the brush program. Please make certain no metal objects are in the branches. Borough personnel are not permitted to enter onto private property for the collection of brush or trimmings. Of necessity, the amount of brush or tree trimmings to be collected from individual properties must be regulated. Accordingly, the volume of material that will be collected by the Borough must be limited to a single pile per property, said pile not to exceed four feet in width by six feet in height by eight feet in length. 🐾

## Art in Bloom

Spring truly blossoms with the return of Art in Bloom, April 12th – 14th, a three-day celebration featuring favorite works of art, fresh flowers, and an array of festivities, presented by the Women's Committee of Carnegie Museum of Art. Exotic and imaginative floral displays inspired by great works of art will be on view in Carnegie Museum of Art's galleries. Regional garden clubs, local organizations, and florists will create stunning floral displays in a spectrum of styles, filling the galleries with the season's most vibrant colors and loveliest fragrances. Don't miss the opportunity to see the art collection complemented in an exciting way. The three-day event includes a gala preview party; a lecture and luncheon; and floral-themed activities for children and families. For more information and tickets, call 412/622-3325. 🐾

## SNOW REMOVAL



Help reduce the possibility of a broken mailbox post. While plow operators are urged to take precautions to avoid hitting mailbox posts, experience has shown that reduced visibility during a storm can make it difficult for a driver to see a post in time to avoid striking it or pushing it over with plowed snow. Any structure within the street right-of-way, including a mailbox, is placed there at the owner's risk. Therefore, homeowners are encouraged to install mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the edge of the roadway. Posts should also be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of the plowed snow could simply topple the post.

If possible, wait until the road in front of your house has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway since there is no practical way for the Borough to plow its roads without depositing snow into your driveway.

Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This can cause a serious traffic hazard and subject the property owner to a hefty fine. If possible, it is best to place snow on the side of the driveway opposite the direction that the Borough's plow travels. By implementing this technique, the plow will carry snow away from your driveway rather than back into it.

The Borough would like to remind residents that Ordinance No. 677 prohibits the parking of vehicles on Borough roads during periods of snowfall, ice accumulation and inclement weather. 🐾



## SNOW-COVERED DRIVEWAYS

Unplowed driveways make it dangerous or impossible for the garbage collectors to get to many homes. It is the homeowner's responsibility to make certain that driveways are plowed and ice/snow free to permit the garbage collectors to access homes. The garbage collectors cannot be expected to trudge through snow- and ice-covered driveways to collect your garbage and then carry it out to the street. The collectors are authorized to skip any property where the driveway has not been cleared and will not be required to make a return visit before the normal collection date the following week. If a driveway is inaccessible or blocked by vehicles and the garbage needs to be picked up, it will need to be at the curb. 🐾



Even though it's still winter outside, it's not too soon to start thinking about summer employment for your college student. The Borough is currently accepting applications for summer employment in the Borough's Public Works Department. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and capable of performing manual outdoor labor. Preference is given first to individuals who have previously worked for the Borough and second, to Borough residents. Please stop in the Borough Office to obtain an employment application. 🐾

## EARTH DAY



Celebrate Earth Day 2012 on Sunday, April 22nd, from 10 AM to 2 PM, by helping to clean up Borough parks. Those interested in volunteering should meet at McCahill Park at 10 AM. Vests, gloves and trash bags will be provided. 🐾



## FOX CHAPEL AREA LAND TRUST



The Fox Chapel Area Land Trust plays a central role in conserving our community's natural heritage. Since 1978, we have been actively acquiring and preserving properties in their natural condition. The Land Trust has grown to become the third largest landholder in the Fox Chapel area. The Land Trust is responsible for nearly 200 acres throughout Indiana Township, O'Hara Township and Fox Chapel Borough. Uniquely, our holdings consist of properties and conservation agreements (easements) that literally serve as an oasis for our region's animals, birds and flora and protect the sights and sounds that we associate with our home. Fox Chapel Borough continues to be a focus. The Land Trust already holds a number of properties in Indiana Township and is interested in identifying and securing additional properties and conservation agreements (easements). As the Township grows, it is increasingly important to protect green space and sites of ecological importance for future generations. As stewards of the land and executors of generously donated properties, the Land Trust volunteers and Board of Directors are fully committed to respecting these gifts by shielding these properties from encroachment, maintaining these sites in a natural state, combating invasive species and litter, and adding additional land holdings that complement existing sites. In addition to preserving our environment for future generations, land donations may qualify grantors with significant income, estate, capital gains, or gift tax benefits.

If you are interested in learning more about the Fox Chapel Area Land Trust, the benefits of land trusts and conservation, and how you can support and join the organization, please visit our website at [www.fcalt.org](http://www.fcalt.org). 

### AUDUBON SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Join us on March 24th for Maple Madness, our annual family-friendly festival that features a walk through the history of maple sugaring. Learn about how Native Americans and pioneers used maple products and see maple sap being collected from our own maple trees. To get you ready for your outdoor adventure, we'll start you off with a plate of pancakes and sausage—complete with real maple syrup! The event is rain or shine at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve in Fox Chapel. Maple Madness starts at 10:00 AM and last seating for pancakes is 1:30 PM. Register today by visiting [aswp.org](http://aswp.org) or call 412/963-6100.

We're always looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping in the store, office, or as one of our volunteer naturalists, give us a call today to talk about opportunities that can help you to connect to nature—and your community. 412/963-6100. 

### *DON'T MISS OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE NEW LIBRARY*

Have you visited our new library? The Cooper-Siegel Community Library has been up and running since April 30th. We are delighted with it and with the exciting level of use by our residents. We welcome the continuing use by all in the area. The community owes a debt of gratitude to all those who contributed to the funding needed to accomplish the creation of this wonderful new asset of the Fox Chapel area.

Lost in the excitement of our first six months is the fact that the capital campaign remains \$75,000 short of the total needed. If you intended to help and thought you missed out, please know that your contribution is welcome. Contact Stephanie Flom (412/828-9520 x 216 or [stephanieflom@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieflom@gmail.com)) or Verne Koch (412/963-7798 or [vcmak@comcast.net](mailto:vcmak@comcast.net)) to discuss how you can contribute to this great addition to the community.

The Cooper-Siegel Community Library, located at 403 Fox Chapel Road, serves all residents in the Fox Chapel Area School District and Allegheny County. The library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 8 PM; Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 AM to 5 PM; and Saturdays from 9 AM to 4 PM. 





# Cooper-Siegel

COMMUNITY LIBRARY



403 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Phone: 412/828-9520 • Fax: 412/828-4960 Email: [coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net](mailto:coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net)

## WINTER READING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS

Enter to win a prize in the winter reading program. Sign up online by going to the library's web page or stop by the library to sign up. The program begins on January 9 and ends on February 29. We have programs for children, teens and adults.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

- Senior Healthcare Conversations
- Women's Networking Group:  
Learning and Networking at the Library
- Forgotten History of Pittsburgh Jazz:  
Pittsburgh in the Roaring Twenties
- Unlocking the Classics
- Talking Tech:  
How Kids Use Technology to Communicate:  
Collaboration between the Cooper-Siegel  
Community Library and the Fox Chapel Area  
School District
- UPMC Physician Lecture Series
- Parent Care Planning
- Computer Classes
- "Green" Events at the Library
- Knitting Group
- Library Delivery to Homebound Residents
- Book Discussion Groups
- Book Group Leader Packets
- Book Group Meeting Space and Room Rentals
- Book Group Leader Kits

For more information and a complete list of programs, send an email to [coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net](mailto:coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net), call the Adult Reference Dept. at 412-828-9520 x 215 or visit [www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org](http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org).

### TEEN PROGRAMS

- After Hours Art Club
- Teen Book Group
- Movie Premiere
- Make It for Mom

For more information and a complete list of programs, send an email to [coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net](mailto:coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net), call the Teen Reference Dept. at 412-828-9520 x 210 or visit [www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org](http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org).

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Toddler Story Times
- Pre-School Story Times
- Baby Lap-Sit

Special Programs: Geode Jeff, Book Bingo, Valentine Tea, Leap Year Day, Dr. Seuss: Read Across America, Birds of Prey, Lego Days, Movie Matinees, Graphic Novel Workshop, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre: Ballet Fundamentals

Registration required for Children's Programs. For more information and a complete list of programs, send an email to [coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net](mailto:coopersiegelref@einetnetwork.net), call the Teen Reference Dept. at 412-828-9520 x 218 or visit [www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org](http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org).

## FOX CHAPEL AREA ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Winter/Spring 2012 Brochure will be mailed in mid-January to all residents of the School District as well as previous enrollees in Fox Chapel Area Adult Education programs. If you do not receive a brochure in the mail, copies are available at all schools in the district or at the Cooper-Siegel Library.

The semester will begin the week of February 6th although classes have varying start dates. Interested enrollees are reminded that classes fill quickly and registrations are entered in the order received. For students who want flexibility of not pre-registering, walk-in registration is allowed for an additional fee. For further information, visit the website at [www.fcaae.org](http://www.fcaae.org) or call 412/696-1410 and leave a voice mail for the Executive Director. 🐾



## 2012 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### MARCH 12 & APRIL 2

Dietrich Road	Jamesborough Drive	Settler's Ridge Road	Twin Stream Drive
Dorseyville Road	Lakeside Drive	Shannon Drive	Wesport Drive
Fair Oaks Drive	Mayflower Drive	Spring Forest Drive	Whispering Pines Drive
Fairview Manor/Road	Millstone Lane	Staffordshire Place	Willow Farms Lane
Flower Hill Road	Millview Drive	Stoney Camp Lane	Willow Run Road
Hallsborough Drive	Nantucket Drive	Sweet Water Court	Wilmar Drive
Haverford Road	Old Mill Road	Sweet Water Lane	Woodland Road
Hill 'n' Dale Lane	Orchard Lane	Trillium Lane	

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### MARCH 15 & APRIL 5

Alpine Circle	Glenover Place	Pasadena Drive	Waldheim Road
Colbert Lane	Hampton Road	Pasadena Drive S	Warwick Place
Delafield Road	LaTourelle Lane	Riverview Terrace	West Drive
E. Waldheim Road	The Maples	Rutledge Drive	West Waldheim Road
Edgewood Road	Meadowood Drive	St. James Place	Windsor Road
Elmhurst Road	Notre Dame Place	Shady Lane	
Glendale Road	The Oaks	Valley Drive	

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### MARCH 19 & APRIL 9

Berkshire Drive	Hunt Club Lane	Nottingham Circle	Westchester Drive
Buckingham Road	Hunt Road	Oakhurst Road	West. Farms Lane
Buckingham Place	James Ross Place	Riding Trail Lane	Woodbrook Drive
Fieldvue Lane	Longfellow Road	Twin Pine Court	Woodcock Drive
Grandview Drive N	Marvelwood Lane	Twin Pine Road	Wynnwood Drive
Guyasuta Road	Marvelwood Place	Wedgewood Lane	

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### MARCH 22 & APRIL 12

Catalpa Ridge Road	Fox Chapel Road	Long Shadow Court	Shirl Drive
Chapel Knoll Drive	Foxtop Drive	North Drive	South Drive
Deer Spring Lane	Glenhaven Lane	Olde Chapel Trail	Springhouse Lane
Dogwood Lane	Hawthorne Road	Pheasant Drive	Squaw Run Road
Evergreen Road	Hickory Hill Road	Poplar Drive	Squaw Run Road E
Fairway Lane	Hidden Falls Court	Ridgedale Lane	Woodcliff Road
Fawn Meadow Ct.	Hillcrest Road	Rockwood Drive	
Field Club Road	Indian Hill Road	Royston Road	

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### MARCH 26 & APRIL 16

Autumn Path Lane	Forest Drive	Normandy Court	Tree Farm Road
Chapel Hill Drive	Foxhurst Drive/Road	Old Indian Trail	W. Chapel Ridge Road
Chapel Oak Road	Foxwood Drive	Powers Run Road	White Fawn Lane
Chapel Ridge Court	Greenwood Road	Quail Hill Road	Wildberry Road
Chapel Ridge Place	Hidden Spring Lane	Shadow Ridge Drive	Windmere Drive
Chapel Ridge Road	Highland Road	Silent Run Road	Wise Hill Road
Easton Road	Long Meadow Drive	Sweet Gum Road	Woodland Farms Road

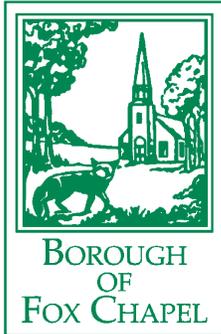
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**BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL  
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

David C. Cannon, Jr.  
Thomas D. Cramer  
Bruce H. Laswell  
Walter A. Scott, III  
Peggy G. Jayme  
Daniel H. Slinger  
Jay S. Troutman

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

**BOROUGH  
COUNCIL**

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

Harry W. McLaughlin, *Mayor*  
Joy A. Hardt, *Treasurer*  
Gary J. Koehler, *Manager*

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

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

Harrison S. Lauer, *Chairman*  
Nanette Bennett  
Lane D. Dively  
James M. Royston  
Jeffrey B. Todd

Meets as needed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M.

**PARK COMMISSION**

Nancy Fales, *Chair*  
Dottie Beckwith  
Jay Troutman  
Brian Shema  
Ferd J. Sauereisen  
James W. Pashek  
Maria Harrington

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

**ZONING  
HEARING BOARD**

Richard E. Jaynes, *Chairman*  
John B. Montgomery

Meets as needed on the Wednesday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**