FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH

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Mayor's Memo

A recent article in the Post-Gazette reported a decline in the number of trees in Allegheny County and the negative effect this will have on storm water management. This will no doubt lead to more erosion which is not good for the environment. Although Fox Chapel now requires more tree replacements for building projects than we have in the past, we are not immune to the problem. We need to double down our efforts to be sure we all continue to plant trees. In that regard, we have a list of native species available on the Borough's website. We have added a second list of trees and plants that can be used under power lines. The list recommends plantings that can grow to full height without interfering with power lines but will help to hide the lines for a better appearance. Duquesne Light is now in the process of conducting line maintenance (tree pruning) so the timing is good to look at plantings. DLC prunes every four years, with the goal of reducing power outages, and has provided a list of trees and plants that will do well under and around power lines. Check the Borough website for the lists.

We want to thank Scott Peterson at Shadyside Academy for teaching his students to appreciate the Borough's trail system and encouraging them to help with the maintenance and repairs. Mr. Peterson and his students are looking to help establish potentially new connections for the trail system - stay tuned!! We are planning a fall open house to give families a chance to see our fire equipment. The event may also include police, our K-9 officer and EMS vehicles. Additional information on this will follow.

-Alex Scott-



Primary Election

The 2018 Primary Election is Tuesday, May 15th. Polls are open 7 AM – 8 PM. If you do not know your voting location, please go to www. pavoterservices.pa.gov and select Find Your Polling Place. Type in your mailing address and your polling location will be displayed.



E-Recycle Event

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, 384 Fox Chapel Road, will host an e-recycle event April 28th from 10 AM - 1 PM. Items accepted for free include desktop and laptop computers, flat-screen monitors, IPods, phones and hard-drives. For a \$10 fee, residents can dispose of tuners, equalizers, tape decks, VCRs, blue ray players, wooden speakers, household appliances and small items containing Freon. A portion of the proceeds benefit the church. **Not collected at the event will be TVs, CRT monitors, alkaline batteries and light bulbs.**

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Hard-to-Recycle Collection Scheduled

The Pennsylvania Resources Council will hold a Hard-to-Recycle Collection at Pittsburgh Mills Mall on Saturday, May 12, 9 AM – 1 PM. Acceptable items collected free of charge include: CPUs (towers), laptops, keyboards, mice, phones, tablets, PDAs, UPS units, servers, routers, modems, computer speakers, web and digital cameras, hubs, external drives, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, cable boxes, DVRs, paper shredders, microwaves, copiers, fax machines, scanners, zip drives, video game consoles, electronic cables, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), expanded polystyrene packaging material.

Fees will be charged for the following items: Televisions, computer monitors, small household appliances, printers, large stereo speakers, vacuum cleaners, alkaline batteries, small freon containing appliances, CDs, DVDs & floppy disks, tires, and fluorescent, incandescent, halogen and neon lighting, projector bulbs. Hard drive data destruction verification is available. For a complete list of acceptable items and any associated fees, please visit www.prc.org.



Support Your Fire Department

Watch for a letter in the mail from the Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department requesting financial support for a new truck. Please show your appreciation of the great work they do by donating. The Department is an ALL volunteer group that keeps your homeowners' fire insurance rates low because of their high level of training, modern firefighting equipment and willingness to stop what they are doing to come to your aid no matter what time of day or night. Please donate if you are able. Donations are tax deductible. Thank you!



County and State Road Repairs

The Borough receives pothole complaints and other calls for roads that are not maintained by the Borough. The Borough cannot repair a State or County road.

Potholes on County roads should be reported to Hotline 412/350-2513 and include: Fox Chapel Road (from Freeport Road in O'Hara Township) to Guys Run Road; Delafield Road (from Fox Chapel Road to Borough/Aspinwall line), and Dorseyville Road.

Potholes on State roads should be reported to Hotline 412/781-3260 and include: Fox Chapel Road (Guys Run Road to Dorseyville Road) and Powers Run Road.

As a service to our residents, and as allowed by the County and State, the Borough does provide winter maintenance (salt/plow service) on County and State roads and is reimbursed for salt.

Holiday Garbage Collection Delays and Borough Office Closings

Memorial Day (Monday, May 28th)

> 4th of July (Wednesday)

Garbage collection for Memorial Day week will be Tuesday through Saturday. July 4th collection week will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday. The Borough office will be closed both of these holidays.



Phone Number Correction

The telephone number for Big Daddy Wildlife Removal is 412/734-3425. An incorrect telephone number was listed in the 2018 winter newsletter. We apologize for the confusion.



Recyclables

Below is the total amount that was recycled in the Borough by residents and institutions:

All recyclables Leaf waste <u>2017</u>713 Tons2,357 Tons



Volunteers needed for the 2018 Garlic Mustard Pull

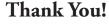
ONE DAY ONLY!

Saturday, April 14th, 10 AM – 2 PM Meet at lower parking area at Trillium Trail



Yard Maintenance

With spring weather arriving, the Borough would like to remind residents of yard maintenance Please note that requirements. grass cannot exceed six (6) inches in height. All plantings located in the road right-of-way must be trimmed back six (6) feet to allow for proper sight distance. The Borough encourages residents not to plant shrubs, trees or grasses in the road right-of-way because of public safety concerns. The Borough does not maintain plantings in the road right-ofway, regardless of who originally planted them. The Borough does trim along guide rail and removes tree branches that block traffic signs. The Borough receives many complaints every year for tall grass or overgrown intersections. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



The Fox Chapel Garden Club has donated \$1000 to the Park Commission that is earmarked for plantings in the Trillium Trail. The Borough and Park Commission would like to thank the Fox Chapel Garden Club for its continued support of the park system in Fox Chapel.



Fill Dirt Available

The Borough's Public Works Department often has fill dirt available during road construction projects. If interested in fill dirt, please contact Dempsey Bruce, PWD Superintendent, at 412/850-5026.



Aspinwall Meals on Wheels

One of the best kept secrets in our community is the service offered by Aspinwall Meals on Wheels. This non-profit organization has been serving meals since 1975 to any member of the community. If you have recently been hospitalized and are recovering, are finding it harder and harder to get to the supermarket, or simply need a respite from everyday cooking, Aspinwall Meals on Wheels can accommodate your needs. The meals that are served five days a week and delivered to your front door by a group of dedicated volunteers are delicious and nutritious. The meals, prepared by a chef who is not only an excellent cook but is also certified in food safety, include a cold meal for lunch and a hot meal for dinner. This valuable community service is available to all neighbors in the Fox Chapel Area School District. For more information call 412/820-8350.



2018 Road Construction and Paving

The Public Works Department is installing underdrains, repairing/replacing catch basins, repairing manholes and replacing storm and sanitary sewers in preparation for road paving. The Borough hopes to install drainage and rebuild as many of the following roads as the budget permits: Guyasuta, Pasadena North, Grandview North, Pasadena South, Fair Oaks, Chapel Hill, Riverview Terrace, White Fawn, Woodcock and Wynnwood. 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, equipment and flaggers. Paving will begin later in the summer. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Squaw Run Garden Club

The Squaw Run Garden Club will hold its annual flower sale on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Squaw Valley Park, O'Hara Twp., from 9 AM to 2 PM.

On sale will be a wonderful selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, hanging baskets, and planters as well as the always popular perennial plants freshly dug from members' gardens. Proceeds from the sale benefit local projects such as the Aspinwall Riverfront Park, Cooper-Siegel Community Library, Lauri Ann West Community Center, and Camp Guyasuta. Additionally, the Club provides educational grants to local schools.

Mark your calendar so you won't forget to come to Squaw Valley Park on May 5 to browse the lovely selection of plants and to help support our community.

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 to 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 NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR BEHAVIOR OF ANY DOG. CALL 911 TO REPORT ANY VIOLATION OF PARK RULES.



Shady Side Academy

Shady Side Academy Spring Admissions Open Houses

Families interested in learning more about Shady Side Academy are invited to attend spring open houses at all four SSA campuses. RSVP online at www.ShadySideAcademy.org/Visit.

Country Day School (PK-5, Fox Chapel): Thursday, May 3, 9:30 AM

Junior School (PK-5, Point Breeze): Thursday, April 26, 9:15 AM

Middle School (6-8, Fox Chapel): Tuesday, May 1, 9:00 AM

Senior School (9-12, Fox Chapel): Saturday, April 21, 11:00 AM

Shady Side Academy Summer Programs

Shady Side Academy offers a wide array of fun, flexible, affordable summer programs for kids ages 3-18 on its campuses in Fox Chapel. Offerings include: elementary and middle school day camps; sports, arts and STEM camps and summer school classes for credit or enrichment. Learn more at www.ShadySideAcademy.org/Summer or call 412/443-2230.



The Simple Six

How to Maintain the Squaw Run Watershed from Home

• 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.

• 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!

• Sweep sidewalks and driveways.

Rinsing debris or spills down the storm drain puts chemicals and unnatural sediment into the water system.

• 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.

• Properly dispose of chemicals.

Call the Allegheny County Health Department at 412-687-ACHD or visit the website at www.achd.net to dispose of cleaners, automotive products (motor oil, antifreeze, etc.), and other hazardous materials. If it is dangerous for you, it is dangerous for our water!

•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.



Camp Guyasuta

This summer Camp Guyasuta will offer five weeks of an awesome day camp that are co-ed and open to all youth. These programs will be a "drop-off" format, with early arrival and late pick up available. This arrangement allows youth of working parents the ability to attend an adventure of a lifetime, while not disrupting work schedules.

June 18-22, June 25-29, July 9-13, July 16-20, July 23-27

Ages 6-10 /\$205 per week, Ages 11-14 /\$255 per week

For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.campguyasuta.org Camp Guyasuta, 300 23rd Street, Sharpsburg, PA 15215.



A Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald at the Hillman Center, April 14

Enjoy the music of jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald performed by vocalist Delores King Williams and the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra on Saturday, April 14, 7:30 PM, at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts at Shady Side Academy. In celebration of Fitzgerald's 100th year, this special tribute presents many of her original big band arrangements, some of which have not been heard in concert in more than 40 years. Co-presented by MCG Jazz. Tickets are \$50 at www.TheHillman.org.



Events at Beechwood Farms

Join Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania for a spring and summer outside! Be sure to sign up for summer camps for your kids, too! Visit aswp.org or call 412/963-6100 to learn more or to register. Programs take place at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh PA 15238.

Be sure to stop in our Nature Store at Beechwood and ask about our new Backyard Habitat Certification Program. We'll help you to turn your backyard—no matter the size—into a habitat that supports the environment by attracting birds, bees, insects, and wildlife.

Upcoming events:

Free Birds & More Naturalist Led Morning Walks every Wednesday at 9:00 AM

Preschool Programs - Fledglings: Ages 3-5

Audubon Earth Day: Day of Service to the Planet, April 21 International Migratory Bird Day Celebration, May 12 and 13

Evening with the Frogs, May 18 Organic Garden Solutions, May 26

Babes in the Woods, June 7 and July 5

The Singing Lives of Birds, June 9

Flowers and Feathers: Connections between Plants and Birds, June 23

'Round the Campfire, June 23

Monarch Butterfly Larva Monitoring, July 20





Cooper-Siegel



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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ADULT PROGRAMS

- Meditation with a Monk Thursdays at 6:30 PM
- Watercolor Lessons 6-Week Series Begins May 10:00 at 1:00 PM
- Sunday Music with Penny Brill (viola) of the Pittsburgh Symphony - May 6 at 2:00 PM
- Author Talk with Marie Benedict, author of Carnegie's Maid - May 23 at 6:30 PM
- Free Audiobooks and eBooks for your Phone, iPad or Kindle
- Delivery Service for homebound patrons
- Free Wi-Fi Hotspot rentals great for vacations!

Register online or call the library at 412-828-9520 x 15









CHILDREN PROGRAMS

- Little Learners Story Time Mondays at 10:30 AM
- Preschool Story Time Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
- NEW! Spanish Story Time Every other Wednesday at 11:00 AM
- Toddler Story Time Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- Baby & Me Story Time Fridays at 10:30 AM
- Poems and Pizza April 21 at 11:00 AM
- Fuzzy Friends with Beechwood Farms April 22 at 2:00 PM
- Summer Chess Lessons for Children June 11 15 (Ages 6 – 14)

TEEN PROGRAMS

- SAT Practice Exam April 28 at 9:00 AM
- Coding Club Begins May 3 at 5:00 PM
- Remake Learning Day May 18 at 6:00 PM

You're invited to support the FOX CHAPEL AREA LAND TRUST and preserve our community's natural heritage.



FOX CHAPEL AREA LAND TRUST

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THERE ARE THREE WAYS YOU CAN HELP.

JOIN THE LAND TRUST

Thoughtful and long-standing support from the community has made the Land Trust one of the largest land-holders in the greater Fox Chapel area. Green spaces and land throughout Fox Chapel Borough, O'Hara, Aspinwall, Blawnox, Sharpsburg and Indiana Townships are preserved from development now and into the future. The Land Trust is a non-profit organization funded by tax-deductible contributions from the public. Without your donations, we cannot fulfill our mission of land preservation. Please join us in helping our communities by making a contribution by mail or through our website at **fcalt.org.**

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DONATE LAND OR A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

If you are a property owner, consider making a donation to preserve our environment for future generations. A donation of land or a conservation easement will insure that your land is forever protected.

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VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in protecting the environment and helping our communities, you could help by volunteering your time to assist the Trust in fulfilling its mission and maintaining its protected lands. Please let us know of your desire to help through our website at fcalt.org.

The Land Trust is unwavering in its vision to insure that the natural and open lands in our communities, located within the Squaw Run Watershed, shall be the inheritance of all people.

The Land Trust was founded in 1978 by Watson C. (Butch) Marshall and Joshua Whetzel. For more information, please email info@fcalt.org.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE FOX CHAPEL AREA LAND TRUST TODAY!

NAME	\$50
ADDRESS	\$75
200	\$100
PHONE	\$250
E-MAIL	\$1000 or more
Your e-moil address will be kept strictly confidential and used only for FCALT events.	OTHER AMOUNT \$

Please make your check payable to Fox Chapel Area Land Trust and return it in the enclosed envelope to the address below. If you would like to make a secure online donation, visit our website at fcalt.org. Please let us know if you would like to make a matching gift through your employer.

FOX CHAPEL AREA LAND TRUST | PO Box 11286, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 | fcalt.org

Fox Chapel Area Land Trust is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Donations are deductible for federal income tax purposes to the extent permitted by law. The official registration and financial information of the Fox Chapel Area Land Trust may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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

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

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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 (Office/non-emergency)

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





Summer Camps

Get outside with Audubon!











NEW FOR 2018
Sustainability Camp for Grades 6-12

Audubon Society



Camps are offered at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve (Fox Chapel) or Succop Nature Park (Butler). To register or learn more about scholarship opportunities, please visit www.aswp.org.

Dates	Grades K-2	Grades 3-6	Grades 5-8	Grades 6-12	Teens 13-18	Scouts
June 14					ANTS	
June 15					ANTS	
Week 1: June 18-22			Birdz	Sustainability		
Week 2: June 25-29	Explorers	Trailblazers	Wilderness Skills for Survival			
Week 3: July 9-13	Explorers	Trailblazers	Wilderness Skills for Survival			
Week 4: July 16-20	Explorers	Trailblazers				Merit Badge Week
Week 5: July 23-27	Explorers	Trailblazers				Merit Badge Week

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Succop Nature Park

ANTS (Ages 13-18)

ANTS, Audubon-Naturalists-in-Training, is for teens age 13-18 who love to be outside and work with children. ANTS assist our Outdoor Discovery Camp staff in leading our day camp of nature exploration, trail hikes, games, and crafts for kids ages 5–12.

Audubon Explorers (K-2nd Grade)

Jump like a toad, zing like a dragonfly, and sway like a tree! Explore forest, field, and pond for birds and bugs, frogs and foxes. Make nature crafts, play games, and get dirty along the way.

Audubon Trailblazers (3rd-6th Grade)

Observe, identify, explore—and make a difference in the world. We will contribute to real-world citizen science by studying butterflies, birds, plants and more.

Wilderness Skills for Survival (5th-8th Grade)

Learn to recognize the best plants to use when building shelters and fires, then build them! Secure your shelter with knots using natural fibers, cook over an open fire, and orient yourself with nature as your guide.

Birdz (5th-8th Grade)

Develop new skills by spending quality time in the field with the correct equipment and one of our expert guides. Included are guest speakers, visits to Todd Nature Reserve and North Park, and a trip to Moraine State Park to look for Bald Eagles.

Sustainability Camp (6th-12th Grade)

Want to work in the environmental field? Campers will learn about the importance of insects, birds, and native plants to the ecosystem, green infrastructure, while getting to see up close and personal different environmental jobs in the region.

Merit Badge Week Summer Camp (Scouts and Kids Ages 12-17)

Topics include Bird Study, Geocaching (participants must bring a GPS-enabled smart phone or other device), Insect Study, Wilderness Skills, and Environmental Science.

Get full camp descriptions and register on aswp.org!



Support Foxwall EMS

FOXWALL BOOK OF MEDICAL SHOW

2018 Foxwall Subscription Drive

Look for your Annual Subscription Drive letter in April.

Foxwall Emergency Medical Service is YOUR ambulance service, established in 1978. We are proud of providing 40 years of volunteer service to everyone in the Fox Chapel community!

Since our beginning, Foxwall has remained a volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, delivering advanced emergency medical care to the residents of Fox Chapel and Aspinwall Boroughs, as well as neighboring communities whenever needed. Foxwall remains one of the only volunteer Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance services in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Foxwall relies on your continued participation in our annual subscription drive, happening right now! In addition, we depend heavily on donations and other support from the members of the Fox Chapel and Aspinwall community to sustain our operations. As a Foxwall EMS subscriber you have ambulance coverage not only at your home in Fox Chapel or Aspinwall but throughout Western Pennsylvania! This coverage extends to your entire household.

A Foxwall EMS subscription is important to you as many insurance policies do not cover, or perhaps only partially cover, emergency services. In the event that you or a family member requires emergency treatment or transport, you may be exposed to significant charges. With an inexpensive membership, you will not be personally charged for any service that may be rendered by Foxwall to you or a family member.

Remember, for a **small donation**, you and your family are covered both at home and throughout many of our surrounding municipalities.

Please give generously and remember: For Life Savings... invest in EMS

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to Aspinwall and Fox Chapel, your Foxwall Subscription covers you in the following areas:

Blawnox Bradford Woods Cheswick Cranberry Township East Deer Etna

Franklin Park Frazier

Fawn

Freeport Hampton Harmar

Harrison Township Indiana Township Lower Burrell

Marshall

McCandless Millvale

New Kensington Oakmont

O'Hara

Ohio Township

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Richland

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