



BOROUGH OF **FOX CHAPEL** PENNSYLVANIA **NEWSLETTER**

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MAYOR'S MEMO

Fox Chapel was pleased to partner again with Aspinwall for the Memorial Day Parade! Many Fox Chapel residents are regulars at this event and were delighted to have it back after a two-year hiatus due to COVID concerns. A large crowd gathered to honor our Veterans and watch the parade, including many community groups.

Our Police Department recently held the second "Coffee with Cops" event at the library. This event allows residents to meet with our officers and ask any questions they may have. Under Chief Stevens' leadership, the police have been undertaking new training programs to be fully prepared and keep up with ever-changing regulations.

The Fox Chapel Parks Conservancy welcomed new members Carrie Casey Leemhuis and Marcia Haberman and is considering an event for the fall to be held in one of the Parks. Please stay tuned for more details.

-Alex Scott-

BOROUGH WEBSITE

Residents' questions can be answered by viewing the website, such as garbage collection schedules, tax payment information, and permit application forms. Borough residents can apply for driveway and tree removal permits online. Residents, contractors, and vendors can also take advantage of our "Pay Online" option on our Home page. This option can be used to pay for invoices, dye test payments, permits, or donations.

PHONE NUMBERS

The Borough receives many phone calls requesting phone numbers. Some of the most requested phone numbers are listed below for your use.

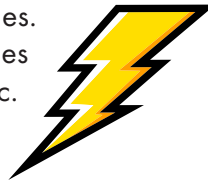
Fox Chapel (Water) Authority (FCA).....	412/963-0212
Fox Chapel School District	412/963-9600
O'Hara Township (O'Hara Community Park)	412/782-1400
Keystone Collections Group (Wage Tax)	724/978-0300
Jordan Tax Service (Real Estate & School Tax).....	412/345-7963
Vogel Disposal (Garbage Collection).....	855/494-3345
Cooper-Siegel Community Library.....	412/828-9520
Lauri Ann West Community Center.....	412/828-8566
Duquesne Light Company.....	888/393-7100
Fox Chapel Police (Non-Emergency)	412/963-7220
Foxwall EMS	412/963-6611
Fox Chapel Public Works Department	412/850-5026
Fox Chapel Code Services/Building.....	412/850-5023
Fox Chapel Sewer Department.....	412/850-5030

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POWER OUTAGES

Please call Duquesne Light Company regarding power outages. DLC does not provide the Borough with information on outages in Fox Chapel, such as location, estimated time of repair, etc. Outage information is available on the DLC website (www.duquesnelight.com).



CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GRADUATES!

The Borough of Fox Chapel would like to congratulate all 2022 Fox Chapel High School and Shady Side Academy graduates on their well-deserved success. Best wishes on your next adventure!



FOX CHAPEL AUTHORITY

Fox Chapel Water Authority (FCA) is a separate entity located at 255 Alpha Drive in RIDC Park that provides public water service to most residents. The Borough contracts with FCA to bill sewage for the Borough and ALCOSAN. Please call FCA for all water issues and water or sewer billing questions at 412/963-0212. As a note, FCA uses white trucks, and Borough personnel drive green vehicles.

YARD MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY

The Borough would like to remind residents of yard maintenance requirements. Please note that **grass cannot exceed six (6) inches in height. Hedges and brush located in the road right-of-way along any side of the property must be trimmed back six (6) feet to allow proper sight distance and pedestrian safety.** *The Borough encourages residents not to plant shrubs or trees in the road right-of-way because of public safety concerns.* The Borough does not maintain trees or shrubs in the right-of-way, regardless of who originally planted them. The Borough trims along the guide rails and removes tree branches that block traffic signs.

The Borough receives many complaints every year for tall grass or overgrown intersections. Intersections not cleared by residents will be removed by the Borough's contractor using a boom mower. However, the work performed by the contractor may not be to the residents' liking, so for this reason, it is recommended that the property owner clear the intersection.

TREE REMOVAL PROCESS

While planning property improvement projects, please be aware that removing any live tree, 6-inches or greater in diameter, as measured 4- 1/2 feet off the ground, needs to be approved by the Tree Committee. The Tree Committee has the authority to approve the removal of up to ten trees by issuing a tree removal permit. More than ten trees require the approval of the Environmental Advisory Council. A statement from a certified arborist may be required to attest to tree disease. Fox Chapel Borough encourages replacing each tree removed with a native hardwood tree.

To apply for a Tree Removal Permit, please go to the Forms/Applications area on the Borough's webpage, www.fox-chapel.pa.us. Under the Environmental Advisory Council, there is a link to the Tree Removal Permit Portal. Once the permit has been submitted, a Tree Committee member will come to your property to assess the tree(s) listed on the request form. They will then determine if the trees are permitted to be removed, and an email will be sent to the resident and contractor, as long as email addresses are provided on the form.

The trees must be marked with a ribbon and numbered. The request will be denied if the trees are not marked or identified. Permits expire one year from the date of approval.

BOROUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY

A reminder to Borough residents to refrain from placing permanent structures in the Borough right-of-way adjacent to the pavement, such as pillars, mailboxes, and other items that include sprinkler heads and invisible dog fences. Should the Borough or a utility company work along the right-of-way of your property, all items will need to be removed and not replaced. This also includes landscaping. Your cooperation is appreciated.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



I want to publicly thank Sergeant Craig Sorg for all the time, effort, and hard work he provides as the Department's Community Relations Supervisor.

Once again, Sergeant Sorg has spearheaded the efforts for Fox Chapel Day. This community event brings our tight-knit community even closer together. It provides the Borough's public servants a chance to meet and engage in conversations with the residents we serve.

I hope that through these conversations, authentic trust is built. This trust will form the foundation of an inclusive environment, allowing this department to be the best it can be.

Have a safe, healthy, and prosperous summer.

-Chief Michael J. Stevens-

FIRETRUCK FUNDRAISER UNDERWAY

Residents have received a letter from the Borough of Fox Chapel seeking donations to purchase a new rescue truck for the Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department in 2023. Please remember to support these volunteers who protect your homes and loved ones. Mail checks made payable to Fox Chapel Borough Fire Truck Fund, 401 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. For those who have donated, thank you! A reminder will be sent in October to those households who have not yet donated this year.

PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits are available at the Cooper-Siegel Community Library, 403 Fox Chapel Road, 15238. The permits are required for certain parking lots located at Borough Parks. Please visit <https://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/> to access the permit application and information.

DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENT PERMIT PROTECTS MOTORISTS FROM WATER RUNOFF ON BOROUGH ROADS

Since 1944, the Borough of Fox Chapel has required driveway permits for anyone installing a driveway in the Borough's right-of-way. The Borough's right-of-way is fifty (50) feet in most cases. This means about twelve (12) feet from the edge of the paving in a resident's front yard.

The right-of-way is used for underground utilities such as sewer, gas, water, cable, and stormwater piping. Anyone working within the Borough's right-of-way must call PA One Call at 811 before digging or excavating in the right-of-way or on property. Digging without a One Call risks damaging one of the buried utilities and can disrupt you or your neighbor.

The Borough regulates driveways because water from the gutter line or the driveway may be directed onto the asphalt road's surface and freeze. This can create a hazardous condition for motorists or walkers. The permit process is the Borough's way of protecting residents from accidents, and it reduces residents' liability by not allowing the driveway to create a hazardous condition.

Driveway modifications require a Driveway Improvement Permit from the Borough before starting work, such as repaving, changing the material, Grade, or drainage pattern. The Driveway Permit Application and information are available on the Borough's website. The permit fee is \$100. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Moretti at 412/ 850-5023.

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

By now, you should have received a postcard in the mail from the O'Hara Township and Fox Chapel Borough Joint Comprehensive Planning Committee asking for help in deciding what priorities the Joint Community Plan should address.

Please visit www.planforourfuture.com to learn more about the project, sign up for updates, and complete a questionnaire that will have a big, positive, and concrete impact on your community.



GET INVOLVED!
Help your community plan for the future!

planforourfuture.com

O'Hara Township and Fox Chapel Borough are working on a joint long-range plan. Follow the link to find out how your voice can be heard!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR – DEPUTY

The Borough of Fox Chapel seeks an Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) Deputy. The skills an EMC Deputy needs to have include organization, management, communication, problem-solving, cultural and environmental awareness, and facilitating the recovery from natural disasters or other emergency events.

The Deputy will work closely with the Emergency Management Coordinator, Chief of Police Michael J. Stevens, in a team effort to review, update and maintain the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. The Deputy will assist with establishing, coordinating, and managing the Borough's organization goals and objectives related to the Borough's preparedness and readiness programs that deal with disasters or crises. They will assist with establishing, coordinating, and managing risk assessment activities before, during, and after a disaster or emergency.

If this position interests you and you are a Borough resident, please send a resume and cover letter to FoxChapel@fox-chapel.pa.us. The Borough is seeking skilled individuals with a background in fire, EMS, or police work. The individual should be committed to participating in the position's training. The deadline to submit resumes with cover letters is Monday, August 1, 2022.

LEASING IN FOX CHAPEL

Any owner of property in the Borough who agrees to grant the right to occupy a property to another for residential purposes (short-term rentals are not permitted) shall, within ten days of making such an agreement, notify the Borough of the agreement, providing a copy of the agreement if it is in writing and the names of all lessees and grantees. The notice shall provide the address and telephone number of any owner, lessee, or grantee. Each change in or addition to the list shall require a new and complete notice.

Please email kmersing@fox-chapel.pa.us to provide information.

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 Building Main Lobby 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 102 Rahway Road, McMurray, PA 15317.

TRASH & RECYCLING REMINDERS

Vogel and the Borough would like to remind residents of the following:

- Recyclables with food waste should be rinsed before being placed in the recycling container. Materials with food contaminants, such as grease or melted cheese, are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash container.
- Cardboard must be flattened or broken into pieces no larger than four (4) feet. Any packing material such as Styrofoam blocks, peanuts, or bubble wrap must be removed.
- If it rains on the collection day, ensure cardboard and paper materials do not become wet by placing them in the Borough-issued recycling container with a lid. Wet cardboard and paper materials are not recyclable.
- Recycling should be loose, not bagged, and placed within the Borough-provided green container. Plastic bags are not recyclable. Plastic bags get tangled in recycling equipment, causing the facility to shut down to cut plastic bags free from the machinery. This reduces efficiency and endangers workers at the facility. As such, Vogel will not pick up any recyclables in plastic bags.
- Contractor Bags are not to be used even if they weigh less than 45 pounds.
- Garbage bags should not exceed 33 gallons and 45 pounds and must be tied shut.
- Shredded paper needs to be bagged with trash. It cannot be loose in the recycling container.
- Garbage calls should be directed to Vogel Disposal Service at 855-494-3345.

A letter from the Borough and Vogel Disposal Service was sent to all residents of the Borough in late May regarding frequently asked questions and concerns about collection. This letter and information on trash & recycling are available on the website.



BATTERY RECYCLING

Are you interested in recycling your old batteries? Here are a few places near Fox Chapel where you can take Alkaline/Single-Use batteries:

- Pennsylvania Resource Council: 64 S. 14th Street, Pittsburgh, 15203
- Construction Junction: 214 N. Lexington Street, Pittsburgh, 15208
- Batteries Plus: 4808 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, 15237

More information can be found at www.recyclenation.com.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE COLLECTION

Household hazardous waste and electronic waste collection are by appointment only, with the following date remaining for collection in 2022; September 12, 2022. Contact Vogel Disposal Service, Inc.'s Customer Service Department, 855/494-3345, to schedule at least ten business days before the collection date. Please be prepared with detailed information about the products you request be picked up during the call. You will need the following information for Hazardous Household Waste: the brand name, container size, quantity remaining in the container, and possible information from the label. For Electronic Waste, you will need the brand name, screen size, style, and approximate weight. For more information on HHW and E-Waste Collection, please visit the Borough website, click on Services, then Trash.

NO DUMPING!

In the past few months, the Borough Public Works Department has had to collect illegal brush dumping in the Fox Chapel Parks. The Borough would like to remind all residents that placing brush such as leaves, sticks, and other yard debris on Borough property is illegal and, if caught, can lead to a fine from the Police Department.

The Borough would also like to ask anyone who sees someone illegally dumping to call the non-emergency number for the Police Department, 412-963-7220.

OFFICE CLOSINGS/ HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION DELAY

The Borough office and Public Works will be closed on Independence Day, July 4. Garbage collection for Independence Day week will be Tuesday through Saturday.



FOX CHAPEL PARKS CONSERVANCY

The Fox Chapel Parks Conservancy is dedicated to the care and protection of Fox Chapel's beloved parks and trail system and the ongoing pursuit of conservation in the community.

Fox Chapel's parks are an essential component of the beauty and well-being of our communities. More families enjoyed the excellent park and trail system last year. The conservancy was established to provide our community with an easy way to invest in our beloved park spaces' continued care and protection and to help fund future park expansion.

If you want to donate to the Fox Chapel Parks Conservancy, please visit www.FoxChapelParksConservancy.org. We appreciate your ongoing support!

BE INFORMED – SIGN UP FOR FOX CHAPEL ALERT!

The Borough of Fox Chapel has adopted Fox Chapel Alert powered by Smart 911 to replace Nixle Emergency and Community Notification System.

The Borough intends to use Fox Chapel Alert to communicate with residents about extreme weather, road closures, public health and safety concerns, bulletins for dangerous situations, and community event notifications. Fox Chapel Alert replaces the current system and will allow for customization, such as multilingual translations, population segmentation, and location-based information.

Over the past two years, it became clear the Borough needed a streamlined and customizable way to share updates with residents across the Borough of Fox Chapel. Our deployment of Fox Chapel Alert allows us to notify the community quickly and confidently deliver the right message to the right people when it matters most.

Subscribers can set notification preferences for where they receive alerts (SMS text, push notification, email, or voice message) and for the type of alert, ranging from emergency alerts, special events, and traffic updates.

Registering for or using Fox Chapel Alert is at no charge, and your personal information will be kept confidential. Registering for Fox Chapel Alert is quick and easy.

Sign-up for Fox Chapel Alert online by going to the following website:
<https://qrco.de/bcqiDQ>



PARKS COMMISSION VACANCY

The Fox Chapel Park Commission has a vacancy due to the resignation of one of its members. Borough Residents interested in serving on the Park Commission are invited to apply for this opening. The Park Commission meets four times per year per statute, but special meetings and communications often occur between statutory meetings. Current Park Commission Members bring diverse skillsets, knowledge, and experience, but all share a love for our green spaces and community. Accordingly, if you feel you have something to offer our community and its Parks, please send a CV with a cover letter to FoxChapel@fox-chapel.pa.us by August 1, 2022.

SUMMER 2022 PROGRAMS AT COOPER-SIEGEL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Cooper-Siegel COMMUNITY LIBRARY



TEENS/TWEENS

Cosplay Workshop (Ages 12-18)
Shark Week Celebration
Make-n-Take Mondays (Ages 8 - 15)

Summer Tuesdays, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Week of July 18th
Summer Mondays 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

CHILDREN: Weekly Programs

Wiggle Storytime
Musical Mayhem
STEM Storytime
Preschool Storytime
Spanish Mini-Camp (K - 3rd Grade)

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (Infants - 5 years old)
Wednesdays, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Ages 6 - 11 years old)
Thursdays, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (Ages 2 - 5 years old)
Fridays, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (Ages 3 - 5 years old)
July 11 to July 15, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (\$100)

ADULTS

Mah Jong
Spirit of the Hummingbird with Jim Jeffries
Relaxing the Body and Mind with Holistic Techniques
Meditation Exploration
Summer Grilling: Beyond Burgers
History of O'Hara Township with Tom Powers

Fridays 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Monday, July 11th, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Tuesday, July 12th, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Saturday, July 16th, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday, July 19th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, July 23rd, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Free Audiobooks and eBooks for your Phone, iPad, or Kindle. Free delivery service for homebound patrons.
New "Library of Things" - borrow infrequently used items like a sewing machine or bike repair kit!

www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org

DOGS IN THE BOROUGH

Residents are asked to be respectful and responsible when walking their dogs by properly cleaning up and disposing of waste and policing others to do the same. The Borough receives complaints about waste on private property, left along roads and trails, or bags of waste thrown in trees along the trails. Animal waste pollutes streams and violates the Clean Streams Act. Please do the right thing when walking your dog. The Borough and fellow residents, thank you!



WILDLIFE CALLS



Residents who find themselves with a snake, deer, raccoon, or other wildlife on their property and are unsure what to do with it are asked to call the Fox Chapel Police Department at 412/963-7220 or the Pennsylvania Game Commission at 724/ 238-9523. The Police Department will respond to all animal calls and refer residents to the animal control company they use and other options available to the resident.

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 401 FOX CHAPEL ROAD
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15238
 (412) 963-1100
www.fox-chapel.pa.us



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BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Anyone interested in being considered for future openings should submit their resume via email to speterson@fox-chapel.pa.us

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Andrew C. Bennett, *President*
 Harrison S. Lauer, *Vice President*
 Thomas A. Karet
 Mandy Steele
 Betsy Monroe
 Bradley D. Harrison
 Sarah Hanna
 Walter A. Scott, III, *Mayor*
 Jeanine A. Mancuso, *Treasurer*
 Gary J. Koehler, *Manager*

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Austin Henry, *Chairman*
 Thomas J. Murphy
 Peggy G. Jayme
 Jay S. Troutman
 Nanette Bennett
 Donald H. Newman
 Brenda McEver

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Harrison S. Lauer, *Chairman*
 Nanette Bennett
 Wesley W. Posvar
 James M. Royston
 Jeffrey B. Todd

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Donald F. Smith, Jr.
 Kyra Tucker
 Jeremy Callaway Sphar

Meets as needed on the Wednesday
 following the 3rd Monday of the month
 at 7:00 P.M.

PARK COMMISSION

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 Jay Troutman
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 Susan Crookston
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 Jessica Demoise
 Carrie Casey Leemhuis
 Jessica Handron
 Steve Whittingham

Meets the 2nd Monday in April, June,
 September and December at 9:00 A.M.

TRAIL STEWARDS

Britton Wean
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 Chip Crawford
 Max Wolfanger and Scott
 Peterson
 Scott Family
 Jim and Mardi Royston
 Pat Scully
 Scott and Rachel (Lockhart)
 Stevens

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Harrison S. Lauer- *Chairperson*
 Carolyn C. Sanford
 Andrew C. Bennett
 Thomas A. Karet
 Enzo J. Santilli

All meetings are open to the public. See our website for further details. All Borough shareholders are cordially invited to attend.