

FOX VALLEY UPDATE

THE FOX VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Fall 2020

A note from the president...

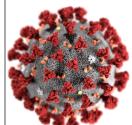
Hello Fox Valley Neighbors,

I will let you all in on a little secret, fall is my favorite season and despite the craziness of COVID life I've been trying to enjoy the bounty nature has to offer this time of the year. I know the current election has been occupying many of your mailboxes, but I hope this newsletter will be a welcome sight. I think you all reflect my thoughts when I say I can't wait for this pandemic to be over. Fox Valley has had so many new neighbors move in these last few months (I can barely keep up with all the new email additions) and I haven't been able to meet anyone yet. I apologize for the lack of events, anyone who has lived in Fox Valley for years can back me up when I say we are a fun, active family community. I can't wait to plan future events where we will have the opportunity to meet all our new neighbors. I hope our "newbies" feel welcome despite the dark cloud of COVID looming around us. It really is a rough time to move into a new neighborhood when everyone is so afraid to be around people they don't know well. So I'm asking everyone to show their usual grace and kindness to our new & old neighbors during this unsettling time, you don't always know what they are living through. I'm excited for some new changes that you all will see in the upcoming months. Check out a few of the new things our board members are working on in the meantime

I look forward to seeing/meeting you soon,

Kim Henderson

Pandemic Slows Us Down



Much like the rest of the world, the Fox Valley Community Association has been affected by the Cononavirus. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Pennsylvania's "Stay-at-Home" orders, the FVCA Board did not have its planning meeting at the beginning of the year and all 2020 activities to this date have been cancelled.

The Board continues to monitor the virus in our area and will make a decision on end-of-year activities at a later date. Stay tuned...

Your Sewer System

Fox Valley Community Services - Annual Shareholder Meeting

For those Fox Valley residents that are a part of the Fox Valley Sewer System, please join your board of directors for the annual shareholder meeting. The meeting will take place outdoors to maintain social distancing. Any unforeseen changes to the date, location, or time will be communicated if necessary.



Saturday, October 31, 2020 10 a.m. The Karcher Home 162 Polecat Road

2020-2021 FVCA Membership

The pandemic pretty much halted all 2020 FVCA activities, including our annual membership drive. As a result of our activity slow-down, the FVCA Board has decided that we will combine the 2020-2021 membership years and only collect one set of dues for both years. Additionally, we are looking into an electronic payment option that will hopefully go into effect by next year. Until then, check or cash will be accepted.

Where does my dues money go?

The Fox Valley Community Association is an optional, social and informational civic organization for neighbors of the Fox Valley community. Members are asked to pay a \$25 annual dues fee (\$20 for seniors). Your dues help fund several community activities like the annual Easter and Halloween children's parties, the annual Car Show, Block Party and Christmas in the Valley family events, and occasional adult events. Dues also provide for an annual donation to the Concordville Fire & Protective Association, new neighbor Welcome Baskets, the FVCA's website fees, the community directory, community maintenance projects like support of the Polecat Road House, community clean up, and Spring maintenance and planting at the Dougherty Blvd neighborhood entrance.

Join now and become a 2020-2021 FVCA member. See the included membership form.

Community Directory 2021



Membership Directory

2021

Welcome to our new Fox Valley residents! Recently, we have begun to see many new faces within our little neighborhood oasis. Because of this, we have decided that a new version of the FVCA Community Directory would be helpful to us all.

Following our membership drive, we will produce a 2021 FVCA Community Directory. Prepared every couple of years, this assembly of neighbor information is a wonderful resource for Fox Valley neighbors. Our goal is to have it completed and delivered to association members by mid-2021.

Please be sure to turn in a membership form with your household information to be included in the directory. We ask that only adult names be listed.

Fox Valley Information:

Get Fox Valley focused emails by contacting FVCA President Kim Henderson to be added to the FVCA email list.

Visit the newly refreshed FVCA website: foxvalleyca.org

and look for more community information on the FVCA Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/FoxValleyCA

FVCA Always Looking For Volunteers

Although 2020 has been kind of a bust due to COVID, Fox Valley Community Association is always looking for volunteers and new ideas. Please don't be shy about sharing an idea or helping out. If you have a thought for a new neighborhood event or you would like to head up a committee to do an activity or project, please let us know. Reach out to any FVCA Board member so we can start planning for 2021!





The Smithbridge Corridor & Garnet Valley Greenway Trail Projects

On October 13th, Concord Township held an Open-Air Open House giving the opportunity for Township residents to learn about, ask questions, and provide feedback for **The Garnet Valley Greenway Feasibility Study** and the **Smith-bridge Road Corridor Improvement Project**.

The Garnet Valley Greenway stretches 5.75 miles traversing north to south within the Township. The trail was identified in the Township-wide Open Space and Greenways Study that was completed in 2015. The trail would potentially connect to the Octoraro Trail, Concord Township Park and Delaware County's Clayton Park. The Octoraro Trail would run along Polecat Road and on the abandoned rail line behind Polecat Road. Funding for the Feasibility Study is provided by Concord Township, Delaware County and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

The Smithbridge Road Project includes new a turning lane to Garnet Valley High School, a trail from the High School entrance to Kirk/Temple Roads and the replacement of the traffic signal at Smithbridge/Temple/Kirk Road intersection with a roundabout. The Smithbridge Road project is funded by Concord Township, Garnet Valley School District, PENN-DOT and DVRPC.

Visit the Trending Now section of the Concord Township website to see the project exhibits that were presented at Township Open House: https://www.townshipofconcord.com/news-detail-T11 R50.php



Township Leaf Pickup Day November 18, 2020

Township Public Works personnel will pick up bagged leaves at curbside. You MUST REGISTER for leaf pickup by calling the Township Office at 610-459-8911.

Paper lawn/leaf/refuse collection bags should not contain anything other than leaves. Grass clippings will not be accepted. Only bags containing leaves will be picked up.



Concord Township Information

Stay current with Concord Township information.

Visit the Concord Township website at:

www.townshipofconcord.com

Consider signing up for Concord Township email notifications.

Sign up by visiting the CodeRED Notification page of the township website or call 610-459-8911.

Open Burning Regulations

Concord Township Burning Regulations can be found on the Concordville Fire & Protective Association website: www.concordville.org.

Open burning must meet all of the following conditions:

- Burning is limited to the 1st or 3rd Saturday of non-Summer months.
 (Burning is prohibited in the months of June, July, August, and September.)
- Material should be vegetation in an unmanufactured state.
 (The open burning of construction material, land clearing debris, and trash is prohibited.)
- Material should be from the property where the burning takes place.
- Burning is by the resident of the property where burning takes place.
- Burning during daylight hours.

Burning may not take place in any public street, roadway, curb, gutter or street drain.

The Fire Marshal may cancel open burning due to drought or unfavorable conditions.





Elections 2020

Find Your Polling Place Search Tool

Being in the 7th/Central East Precinct of Concord Township, Fox Valley residents typically vote at Brandywine Youth Club - O'Donoghue Fieldhouse located at 41 S. Thornton Road. However, if you wish to verify your polling location, Pennsylvania Voter Services has an online search tool that will help you find your polling place for election day. Use drop down boxes to select your county and city of residence; then provide your street name, house number and zip code.

Visit the Find Your Polling Place webpage to do your search: https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx

For More Elections Information



Visit the Delaware County Elections website providing more information for voters, candidates, poll workers. and the media: https://delcopa.gov/vote

Or call the Delaware County Elections Hotline at **610-891-VOTE**. Hotline is available Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

We're going paperless

This will be the last edition of the paper-based FVCA newsletter.

In an effort to minimize our carbon footprint, reduce costs, and expedite the delivery of this publication, the FVCA board has decided to eliminate the printed version of the newsletter. We will continue with a quarterly newsletter but it will be produced and distributed in an electronic format. If you are already receiving emails from FVCA Member List, you are good to receive future newsletters. If you don't receive these emails,



please email Kim Henderson at kimberlyjhenderson@comcast.net and ask to be added to the FVCA Member List.

In the event that your household is not able to receive the newsletter electronically, please feel free to contact a current FVCA board member. We will be sure to get you a printed copy.

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