

Dear Neighbors,

Here we are - neighbors - and in a situation few of us would have predicted. Some of us have lived in this 39-home community since it was built, and some of us are new. What is a community?

We share a common ground - literally. Is a community more than occupying the same space? Your Fox Chapel Connection is exploring how we are a community - how each can feel a part and maybe what could make it better.

Do any of you happen to remember the Sesame Street song, "The People in Your Neighborhood?" It had a catchy refrain: "Oh, the Grocer is a Person in your Neigh-bor-hood - a Person that you meet Each Day!"

- Some folks pick up litter
- Some keep an eye out for elders or single folks
- Karuna Kovur volunteers to keep up our HOA website, Don Gosden is happy to share his knowledge of Fox Chapel and area history
- The Architectural Control Committee contributes to pride in our neighborhood. The work done by Pat Gardella, Jennifer Prins and Elizabeth Pinamonti helps keep our home values up
- HOA Secretary Jenny Seeley and our neighborhood newsletter are important channels of communication
- Those who speak and wave on the street - isn't that neighborly?
- Our HOA board watches out for zoning issues which affect us, tends landscaping in common areas, brings a dumpster and pressure washing for sidewalks, plans our annual party, and does much more.

Where else have you seen someone being a good neighbor? When you see some of these folks out in the neighborhood, stop and say, "Thank you." They are helping make this a better community. Well, Fox Chapel has people out there, doing things. Doing things and worth meeting.

Neighborhood Spotlight

Jenny and Jake Seeley, 1851

When the moon hits your eyes like a big pizza pie... THAT'S AMORE!

Children of the midwest, Jenny and Jake grew up, went to college and met through friends. Years later, at the Atlanta wedding of those same friends, they reconnected. A Fox Chapel home, marriage, beautiful child... but let's start at the beginning:

Jenny was reared in Mansfield, Ohio, with three sisters. At the end of her elementary school the family relocated to Chattanooga. They all loved the warmer climate and Jenny soon made friends. She studied pre-med and English lit at Indiana's DePauw University, spending a semester in Rome.

Jake was born in Pennsylvania, but grew up outside Columbus, Ohio, about an hour's drive from Mansfield. The oldest, Jake has a brother and a sister. His maternal grandmother was Italian and he still loves and shares memories of her and her cooking and recipes. Jake went to Miami University in Oxford, studying computer science, and afterwards worked in Chicago. Mutual friends introduced him to Jenny there and they became good friends. Both were busy with their careers.

After college and her semester in Rome, Jenny did post-grad work at the University of Tennessee in preparation for the MCAT and medical school and worked in a hospital.

Jake visited his parents at their new home in Orlando and the warmer weather appealed to him; Atlanta called, with consultant work there with large public companies. His good friend was here, too. At their friends' wedding, Jenny and Jake re-connected, the "friendship" warmed up and Jake asked her to move here.

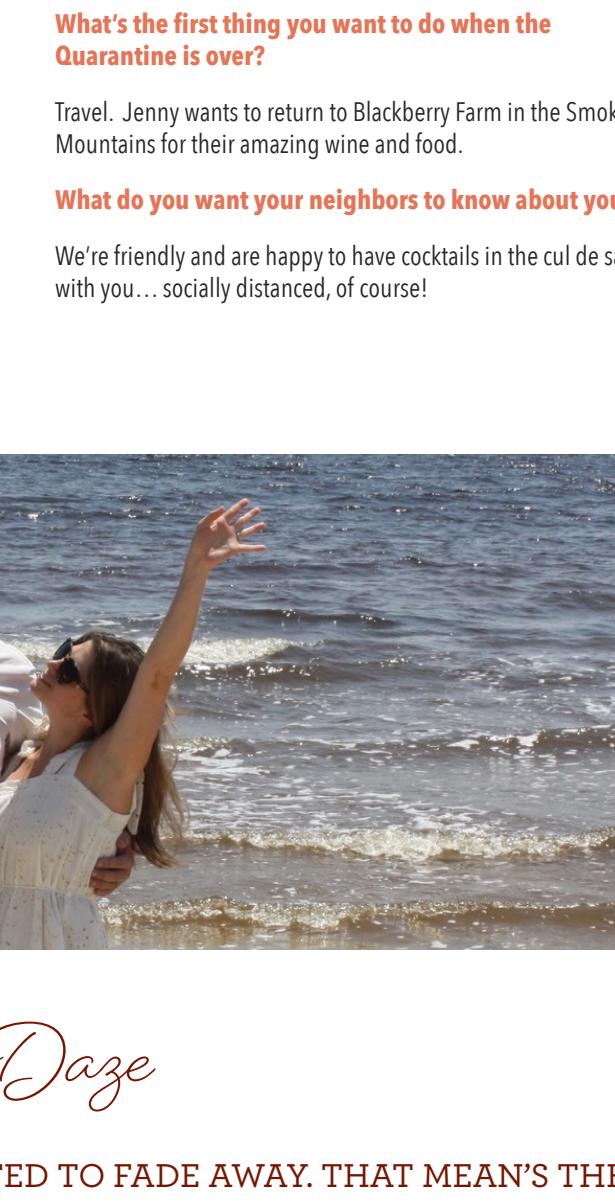
Jenny did move to Atlanta in 2006 and started working for a temp agency. Eventually she decided against med school. She had become disheartened in the field due to policies limiting a physician's ability to spend enough time with patients. Her temp job at a family business, Designer Carpets at ADAC in Buckhead, became full-time and she is still there doing marketing, bookkeeping, sales and whatever they need.

As a consultant, Jake traveled all the time. He moved to Coca-Cola for eleven years doing IT auditing and security. Since 2018 he has worked for ACI, an electronic payment processing company. Begun in Omaha, they pioneered the technology for ATMs and almost every large global bank is their customer. Jake travels a little now, and to Ireland annually.

With two big chocolate labradors, they wanted a large yard. Their realtor brought them here and they moved into 1851 Fox Chapel in 2010 and married the next year.

Stella came along seven years later and now is 3 1/2. At her Suzuki Montessori school she enjoys painting and art and chatting with her friends. She was happy when school resumed in July and so were her parents.

In their newly remodeled kitchen all the family cooks, sometimes speaking a little Italian (Buon appetito!). Jake is the baker and makes all their bread, a rustic wheat loaf is a specialty. They collect cookbooks and New York Times recipes. Beside Italian ones, Jenny makes Hungarian dishes from her side of the family: stuffed peppers and kifli pastries.



Jenny took over the job of HOA secretary from Andi Roundtree who had held the position for 6 years (Thank you, Andi!). The part of the job she enjoys most is getting to know neighbors while helping to invest in the place where she lives.

With HOA President Traci Thomas, her first big job was helping convince homeowners to understand and agree to provisions enabling us to be a part of the Georgia Property Owners Association and amend our rental clause. This took some education and persuasion, but protects the majority from too many rentals, short-term rentals, and VRBO's for example.

The part that makes her position tricky is having a full-time job, being mom to an active, inquisitive 3 year old, and handling the HOA communications and hearing complaints. Your HOA welcomes help from neighbors in handling issues.

What is something you are doing now that's helping you to get by?

Walking and getting out in fresh air and nature, and working without a commute - from home! Jake loves to bike on the Silver Comet Trail, and Jenny got back into cooking.

We both plan and prepare meals. We used to go to 10 to 20 concerts a year. Now we listen to music at home - We have a big vinyl collection.

What do you do for fun in our area?

Pre-Pandemic we used to each lunches out, and watched for new restaurants. Now we do take-out.

What are some of your favorite restaurants?

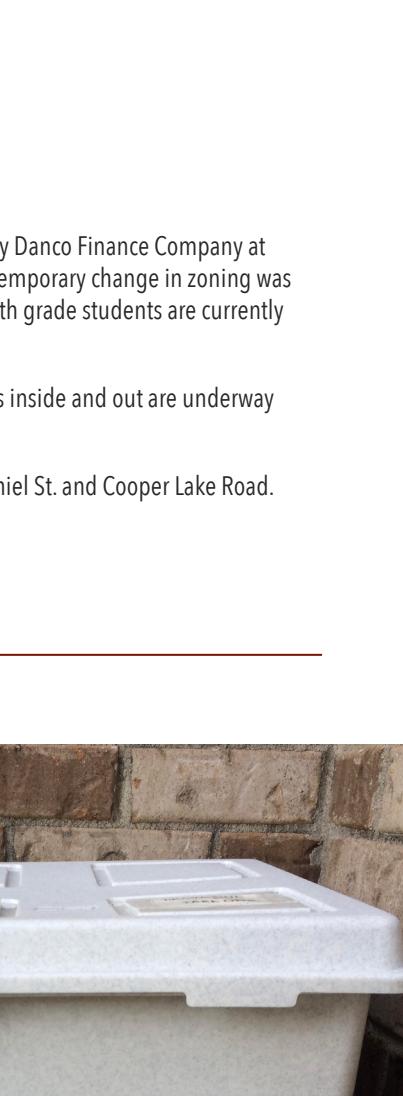
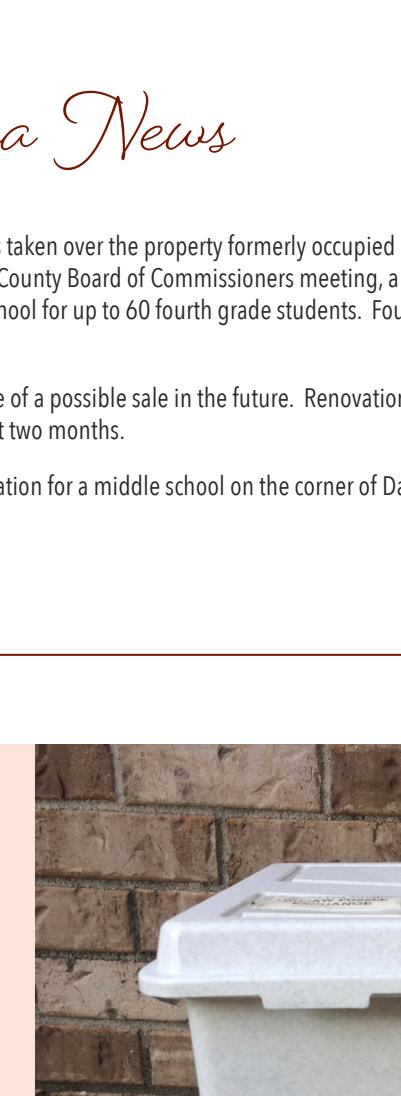
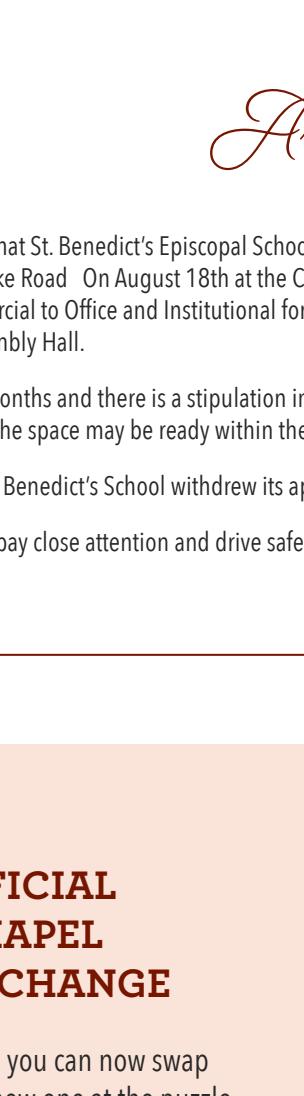
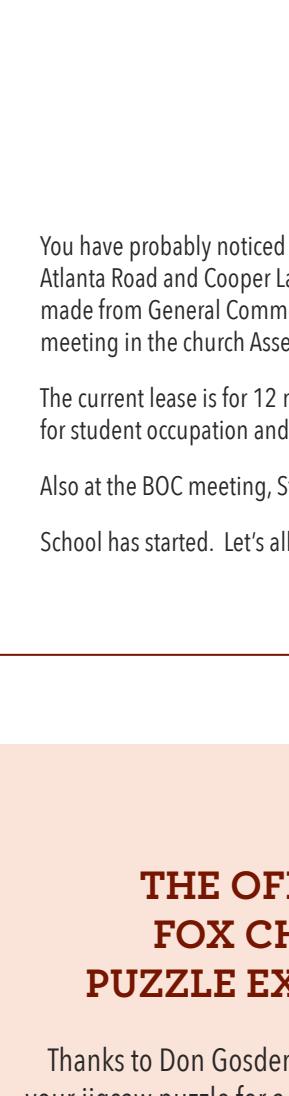
Muss and Turner's MTH Pizza, Star Provisions and Southern Baked Pie in Vinings. Another is La Colonial, a French-Vietnamese place in The Shops of Buckhead - they deliver!

What's the first thing you want to do when the Quarantine is over?

Travel. Jenny wants to return to Blackberry Farm in the Smokey Mountains for their amazing wine and food.

What do you want your neighbors to know about you?

We're friendly and are happy to have cocktails in the cul de sac with you... socially distanced, of course!

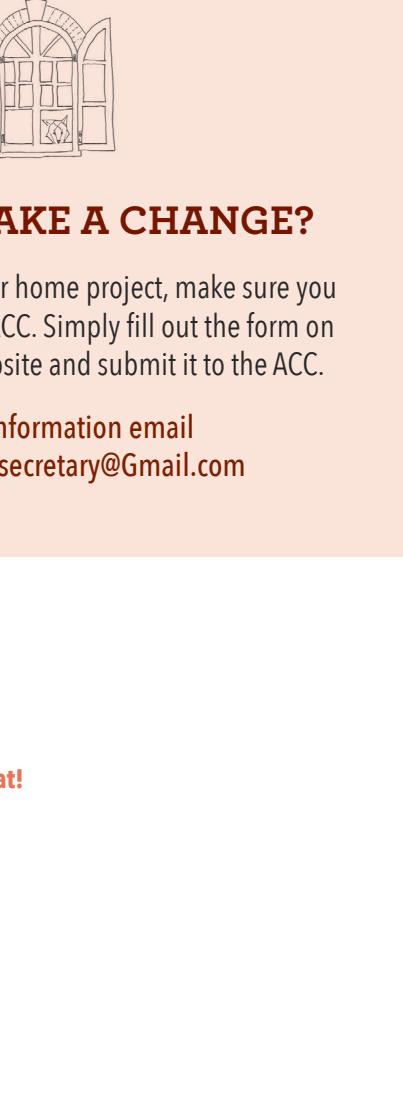


VIXEN, 1862

LILY, 1886

JACKSON, 1897

BEBE & IZZY, 1884



BAILEY, LUCY, & VAL, 1893

PIN, 1871

BENNIE & BIANCA, 1887



BRONX & TUCKER, 1895



LEGO, 1856

MUGSY (RIP), 1854

BUCK & OLIVER, 1899

GINGER, 1885



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The HOA Team

Meet the team that works hard behind the scenes to keep Fox Chapel great!

The board is always available for any questions and/or concerns!

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