Chalfont Borough Lamplighter

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The annual **Chalfont 5K Challenge** race was held on Saturday, June 8. The final race in the Bucks 5K Series, Chalfont had the honor of presenting series awards as well as Chalfont awards at the conclusion. Special thanks to our honorary race starter, Mary Jane Clemens, long time resident and volunteer, and prior tax collector. Great job, Mary Jane! Thank you for your years of service.

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Chalfont Borough thanks these proud sponsors of the **2013 Chalfont 5K Challenge** for their new and continued sponsorship supporting the future of parks and recreation in the Borough:

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Borough to Help Improve Façades

Chalfont Borough has received $50,000 to run a Façade Improvement Grant Program to benefit properties in the Borough's Downtown.

The Chalfont Borough Façade Improvement Program will offer one to one matching reimbursement grants for façade improvements in the Borough of Chalfont up to a maximum amount of $5,000 per property (a $10,000 total project cost). This $50,000 grant will fund, at a minimum, 10 properties in the downtown area.

Any person(s) or other legal entity owning property in the Borough of Chalfont's Project Area (see map no page 2) is eligible to apply. Eligible Activities include major maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and restoration of commercial storefronts and facades. Projects must achieve visible results that enhance the Borough's image, marketability, and economic vitality. Projects will be evaluated in terms of quality, design compatibility, and level of visual impact. Activities NOT eligible for the grant include: sidewalks, landscaping, fences, retaining walls, site improvements, paving, and parking lots. Facade Improvement Grants are intended to stimulate private investment in the preservation of historic downtown architecture and to foster image-making improvements to properties.

Funding for the Program is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through the Keystone Communities Program. Grants will be made in accordance with the Borough Revitalization Program's Facade Improvement Program Grant Policies and Procedures and in conformance with all applicable state and local requirements.

The Chalfont Borough Revitalization Committee will review applications and determine eligibility. All work must conform to U.S. Department of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and the Chalfont Borough Historic District Design Guidelines. All applicants will be required to submit for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) through the Chalfont Borough Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB). Upon review, the Chalfont Borough Revitalization Committee and HARB will recommend formal action to the Chalfont Borough Council to approve or deny the COA and the grant application.

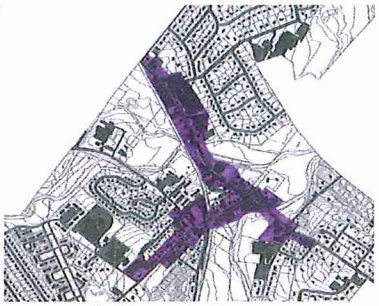
This program won't just be for the benefit of those in the project area - the entire community as a whole benefits from downtown improvements. The downtown is our community's crossroads and defines the Borough's identity. Most people who drive through our community form their impression of the Borough based solely on what they see on Butler Avenue and North Main Street. And it's on this area that they form opinions, and place a value, on our community. This investment in the down-

*See **Façade** on page 2...*

Façade...continued...

town is also an investment in the entire community – an improvement for our property values and for our quality of life.

Façade Program Guidelines and Applications will be available on the Borough website in November, and a subsequent due date for applications will be announced both online and in a direct mailing to all eligible property owners in the downtown.



Eligible Façade Grant Zone.

Road Work Update

The **replacement of the Whitehall Bridge** (near the Chalfont Family Restaurant) is underway. The main bridge is to remain open during all stages of construction which will include an extended left turn lane on north bound Route 152 (Limekiln Pike) approaching the Butler Avenue intersection, eight foot wide sidewalks on both sides of the bridge, improvements to the intersection of Butler Avenue and North Main Street including a right turn lane from Butler onto North Main (in front of Manhattan Bagel), access to the trail to Twin Streams Park and a ramp to access Kelly and Krupp Parks. Lane closures may occur during certain phases of the project and motorists are urged to use caution and find alternate routes as necessary. The completion date of the project is scheduled for fall of 2014.

North Wales Water Authority continues their water main project through Chalfont Borough and into New Britain Township. Rolling detours have been taking place along Sunset Avenue and Railroad Avenue. Sign up for news updates at www.chalfontborough.com or check the North Wales Water Authority website at www.forestparkmainextension.com for up to date construction information, including maps of the project and expected road closures.

Chalfont Borough Monthly Meetings
Council - 2nd Tuesday
Planning - 1st Monday
HARB - 4th Monday
All Meetings are held @ 7:00 p.m.
Chalfont Borough Hall

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It's Scarecrow Time!

With autumn fast approaching, our thoughts are turning to cool days, warm cider, and...

Chalfont Scarecrows!

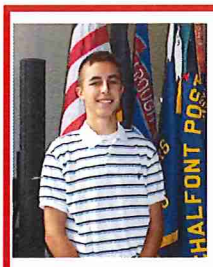
With your help, scarecrows will again decorate Main Street. We encourage groups, families, and individuals to participate and help bring smiles to people driving through the borough during the season. We provide the straw, frame, and bag for the head; you provide the outfit, assembly, and imagination! Frames and "fixings" will be available for pickup at Borough Hall after 3 p.m. October 11th and through the day on October 12th. Finished scarecrows should be returned on October 19th. Our public works department will install the scarecrows on the street light poles on Main Street in time for Halloween.

Please place your order for frames and heads as soon as possible by calling 215-822-3857 or email mbeckr@verizon.net. If you have any questions call the Borough Office at 215-822-7295. Don't miss out on the spook-tacular fun!

FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

301 N Main Street—www.ChalfontFireCompany.com

Sept. 29, 2013	Buffet Breakfast	8 am—12 pm
Oct. 10, 2013	Fire Prevention Open House	7 pm—9 pm
Oct. 26, 2013	Craft Show	9:30 am—3 pm
Nov. 22, 2013	Last Day for Holiday Cookie Orders	21-5-348-5709
Dec. 1, 2013	Community Christmas Sing	6:30 pm
Dec. 8, 2013	Holiday Cookie Pick-Up	12 pm—2 pm
Dec. 8, 2013	Family & Pet Photos with Santa	1 pm—4 pm



Welcome Nicolas Mason, our new Junior Council Person. Nick is a sophomore at Central Bucks South and is interested in local government and the historical significance of Chalfont. We're happy to have him join our team!

From the Borough Office…

- Want to stay in the know? Sign up for e-news alerts at www.chalfontborough.com. Under "In the News" click "Subscribe." Also follow us on Facebook at the "Official Chalfont Borough Youth Committee Page" and on Twitter @ChalfontBoro.
- *A special thank you to **New Britain Township** for lending us their trailer for Chalfont Day.*

and Public Works...

- Heavy rains this spring and summer have put a load on our storm sewer network. Please keep inlets on or near your property clear of debris to improve drainage and prevent flooding.
- Remember to trim trees and shrubs on your property that may be blocking traffic signs and sidewalks.

and the Police Department…

- The Chalfont Borough Police Department welcomes two new additions to the department: Officer Mike McAllister, and Secretary, Amy Keller.
- *Just a reminder*: Keep your house and vehicles locked when not attended. Do not leave valuables in parked vehicles.
- DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE! The anti-texting law prohibits, as a primary offense, any driver from using an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD) to send, read, or write a text-based communication while his or her vehicle is in motion, and carries a $50 fine upon conviction of a violation.

Attention Business Owners

If you own a business located in Chalfont Borough, we want to hear from you!

One of the recommendations from the newly adopted Revitalization Plan was to create an online **Chalfont Borough Business Directory** to promote local businesses. If you are interested in being a part of this online guide, please provide the following information to us for publication:

Business Name
Business Address
Phone Number and Fax Number
Website
Email Address
Hours of Operation
Primary Contact Name and Title
Type of Business
Short Description of Services

You can fax the information to Melissa Shafer at 215-822-5528 or email mshafer@chalfontborough.com.

SCOOP THE POOP

Dogs for the Environment

Why? Pet Waste is more than smelly and unsightly: it is a health risk to pets, creeks, lades and people, especially children. Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets and grassy areas are immediately flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains. Like human waste, animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, making the water unfit for irrigation, recreation or other uses. These bacteria and viruses can pose health risks to humans, such as Campylobacteriosis and Salmonellosis. In addidtion, pet waste contains nutrients that will speed up the growth of nuisance algae in lakes and rivers.

To report an illicit discharge to the storm water collection system or to a stream, creek or river call 215-822-7295.

Fall Leaf Collection

Interstate Waste Services has announced the 2013 Leaf Pick-up schedule as follows:

- Saturday, October 19
- Saturday, November 16
- Saturday, December 14

Leaf waste only should be placed in brown bio-degradable bags and placed curbside the night before pick up. No twigs (tied or placed in bag with leaves) will be picked up on leaf pick up days.

In addition, a yard waste dumpster will be at Borough Hall beginning Monday, November 18th for disposal of bio-degradable yard waste, including sticks and twigs.

For more information visit: www.interstatewaste.com.

REVITALIZATION AND TOD PLAN

After a year of focus groups, surveys, stakeholder interviews, and public meetings, the Chalfont Borough Council has adopted the Chalfont Borough Revitalization and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan.

Funded through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)'s Transportation and Community Development Initiative Program (TCDI), this Revitalization and TOD Plan will provide Chalfont Borough with a guidebook of suggestions and recommendations based on real market research for redevelopment of the Borough's downtown. Already the Business and Community Development Committee is taking the plan under advisement and will be working with the volunteers on the Revitalization Committee to create priorities and implementation plans to start work on this exciting endeavor.

The plan is available for public review on the Chalfont Borough website, www.chalfontborough.com .

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