Chalfont Borough Lamplighter

40 North Main Street ~ Phone: 215-822-7295 ~ Fax: 215-822-5528 Fall 2014
OFFICE HOURS: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday ~ CLOSED HOLIDAYS & WEEKENDS
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On Wednesday, October 8, 2014, Chalfont Borough will be holding our Fifth Annual Walk to School Day!

In coordination with New Britain Township and New Britain Borough, parents, students, teachers, and local government officials will be walking from designated drop-offs to Pine Run Elementary School and Butler Elementary School. *In order to make this a safe event, police officers will be actively patrolling the routes and assisting with street crossings.*

Pine Run Drop Off Locations are the same as last year:

Chestnut Street Park

7:35 am—1.75 mile walk

New Britain Township Building

8:00 am—1 mile walk

Sioux Road and Tamenend Avenue

8:10 am—0.5 mile walk

Butler Drop Off Locations will be as follows:

Highlands Park, School House Road & Krista Court

8:25 am—.75 mile walk

Bucks County Antique Gallery, Skyline Drive

8:25 am—.75 mile walk

This event is being held as part of the International Walk to School Day. Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling. They also emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, and concern for the environment. These events also help to build connections between families, schools and the broader community. For additional information please visit: www.walktoschool.org or www.saferoutesinfo.org.

Pine Run and Butler students will be receiving a flyer with more information, a registration form, and a route map. **NOTE:** this event is only to walk ***TO*** school. Students will take their regular means of transportation to go home.

Join Doylestown Bike & Hike Committee
for
Neighborhood Trail Awareness Day
September 28, 8 am-4 pm

Guided tours throughout the day to enjoy the large trail system in Doylestown. All tours begin at the Doylestown Hospital . For specific trail tour information visit: www.doylestownpa.org.

Meet Your Chalfont Police

Officer Profile: Sergeant Robert Milligan

Sergeant Milligan started his career in law enforcement in 1999 serving part-time with the New Britain Borough Police Department.

In 2003, he joined the Chalfont Borough Police Department as a full time officer, and in 2006, was promoted to Sergeant. He is currently recognized as the Department's second-in-command.

Sergeant Milligan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and is working toward a Master's Degree in Organizational Development and Leadership. He is also a graduate of three prestigious advanced Command/Leadership training programs: the FBI National Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar.

In addition, the sergeant has a long list of police training certificates, including Field Training Officer for new recruits, Firearms Instructor, Certified Inspection Mechanic, Accident Reconstructionist, and Standard Field Sobriety Testing Instructor. Sergeant Milligan also serves on the Bucks County Crime Scene Unit. In his off-duty time, he enjoys fishing and reading.

Chalfont is fortunate to count Sergeant Milligan as one of its dedicated officers.

Flagpole Dedication

Chalfont Borough Police Benevolent Association has generously donated a flagpole to be installed in Krupp Park at the new Veterans Memorial. Members of the PBA have coordinated the purchase, delivery, and installation, including lighting, of the 25' brushed stainless flagpole as a fitting addition to the Veterans Memorial designed and built by Jake Bitner as his Eagle Scout project. Please join us for a flagpole dedication and flag raising ceremony at Krupp Park, 40 North Main Street, on Saturday, October 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. Light refreshments will be served after the event. Parking is limited. If you are able, please utilize the parking lot at 101 North Main Street (the old firehouse lot.)

Believe it or not...one of the biggest threats to our water quality is plain old dirt washing into our streams from lawns, roads, driveways and construction sites. Top soil is an important resource for your yard. However, when the soil is lost through erosion, it becomes a pollutant called "sediment." Water flowing from your yard during rain or snow melt carries sediments to our local streams.

What's wrong with Sediment?

Sediment clouds water and reduces sunlight for stream plants that provide habitat and oxygen for fish. Sediments fill in the spaces between rocks in the stream and take away fish spawning habitat.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT EROSION?

1. Seed or mulch any bare soil on your land. Plant roots guard soil from rain and prevent erosion.
2. Choose perennials, shrubs, and trees that thrive in your soil or climate.
3. Direct downspouts onto grass or gardens.
4. Only garden on level areas of your property.
5. Cover gardens with mulch or leaves over winter to protect plants and reduce erosion when snow melts.
6. Plant shrubs or trees to create a buffer between your property and any lake or stream. Buffers filter out pollutants.

2014Fall Leaf Collection

Saturday, October 18
Saturday, November 22
Saturday, December 20

Leaves for recycling should be placed in brown biodegradable leaf bags and placed curbside *the night before* pickup. No twigs, tied or placed in bag with leaves, will be picked up on leaf pick up days.

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

Chalfont Borough Mayor and Council
Mayor -Marilyn J. Becker
Borough Council

John R. Engel, President	John Abbott, Vice President
Tracey Bowen	Michael Kelly
Marilyn H. Jacobson	Jeffrey Coddington
Eric Raffle	Nicholas Mason, Junior Member

Borough Manager– Sandra B. Zadell

Volunteer Firefighters Needed!

Volunteer firefighters are parents, teachers, friends and neighbors. They are members of the community committed to safeguarding Bucks County. ***And, we need you!*** In fact, the Bucks County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association has an opportunity for you now!

Imagine making a difference in the lives of others and within your community. The Bucks County Fire Chiefs has opportunities and training countywide for:

- Firefighting Operations: Explore the exciting world of firefighting and receive the training to do it safely. As a firefighter you will perform the work necessary to advance the hose line, search and rescue, and ladder placement.
- Rescue Operations: As part of Rescue Operations you will respond to specialized calls, including auto accidents, carbon monoxide alarms, and rescue calls.
- Fire Police: Assist in traffic management, crowd control, and general assistance at emergency scenes.

Teen Volunteers Needed

Not old enough to volunteer yet? No problem! We offer a junior firefighter program for teenagers interested in becoming a volunteer. It's a great way to secure community service hours while preparing for an adult membership. Teen volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

Benefits / Reasons to be a Fire Volunteer

Here are just a few of the highlights of becoming a volunteer firefighter:

- The satisfaction that comes with knowing you are an important part of keeping your community safe.
- Cultivating new skills that can help in all facets of your life and prepare you for a possible new career.
- Work as a team and build lasting relationships, garnering a sense of belonging.
- Free training!

Camaraderie, Family and Fun

The camaraderie between volunteers is what fuels much of the meaning behind being a volunteer firefighter. While volunteering does involve action, protecting, and saving, there is still that intangible that comes with no other volunteer experience: We are a family!

Training

No experience is necessary and all of your training and equipment is free! We offer all the training you need to stay calm and think rationally when a chaotic situation arises, while giving you a new set of skills that can be used in many ways.

For more information regarding training and how you can make a difference in your community, please visit www.bucksfire.org or call 1-855-4BCFIRE.

Important Phone Numbers

ADVANCED DISPOSAL 610-440-3700
AQUA PA 800-711-4779
CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT 267-893-2000
CHALFONT BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR 215-822-7295
CHALFONT POLICE 215-822-2606
CHALFONT POST OFFICE 215-822-0659
PECO EMERGENCY 800-841-4141
PENNDOT HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE 215-345-6060
POT HOLE REPORTING ONLY 800-349-7623
SCHOOL TAX COLLECTOR 215-822-2930

From the Borough Office…

- Join us in welcoming our newest Council Member, **Jeff Coddington**, who was appointed to Council in May to fill a vacancy. Jeff is a long time resident of the Borough and has a strong desire to give back to the community by serving in this important capacity.
- *Special Thanks* to **Alexis Thamavong**, a CB South student who did a wonderful job singing the National Anthem to start the 2014 Chalfont 5k Challenge.

- Volunteers are needed to place the flags on Main Street and Butler Avenue for national holidays throughout the year. It is a two person job and takes about one hour. Call the Borough office at 215-822-7295 to volunteer.
- Trash company late for a pick up? Have a question about your bill? Want to know what to do with that old sofa? Call **Advanced Disposal at 877-790-4027**.

and Public Works...

- Blowing or sweeping grass clippings into the street is a violation of Borough Code. The debris eventually works its way into the storm water system where it clogs the inlets and causes a potential for flooding. It is also a pollutant to our waterways.
- Low hanging tree limbs are not permitted to hang over streets or sidewalks. Tree limbs should be 14 feet high if hanging over the street so that they do not interfere with vehicles.

and the Police Department...

- A drop box for unused and/or expired prescription drugs is now available at the Police Office. For more Information visit the Borough website: **www.chalfontborough.com,** where you can sign up for email alerts for the latest news in the Borough.

It's Scarecrow Time!

Help Decorate Chalfont for Halloween

All groups, families, scouts, and individuals, are encouraged to build a scarecrow. We will provide frames, bags for heads, and straw for stuffing, you provide the creativity. Pick up your supplies at Borough Hall October 11th , and return your finished scarecrow any time on October 18th. Let your imagination run wild! Our Public Works Department will install the scarecrows on the street light poles on Main Street and Butler Avenue in time for Halloween.

Place your order for frames and heads by October 8, by email to: mbeckr@verizon.net or call 215-822-3857. If you have any questions call the Borough Office at 215-822-7295.

FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

301 N Main Street

www.ChalfontFireCompany.com

Oct. 9, 2014	Fire Prevention Open House	7 pm—9 pm
Oct. 25, 2014	Craft Show	9:30 am—3 pm
Nov. 9, 2014	Pancake Breakfast	8 am—12 pm
Nov. 21, 2014	Last Day for Holiday Cookie Orders	21-5-348-5709
Nov. 30, 2014	Community Christmas Sing	6:30 pm
Dec. 14, 2014	Holiday Cookie Pick-Up	12 pm—2 pm
Dec. 14, 2013	Family & Pet Photos with Santa	1 pm—4 pm

Thanks for your vote! At the primary election in May, Chalfont Borough voters voted YES for important amendments that have enabled our Charter to be brought in line with the recently updated Borough Code. Specific updates had to do with 1) the removal of elected officials and filling of vacancies; 2) a telecommunication policy; 3) contract procedures; and 4) repeal of recall elections. In addition, it included administrative amendments to 1) prohibit elected officials from sitting on the Planning Commission and/or HARB while in office, 2) make ordinance penalties refer to the Chalfont Borough Fee Schedule; and 3) make the effective dates of ordinances immediate. For more information about the Borough Charter, visit the Borough Website at www.chalfontborough.com.

BRIDGE UPDATE

PennDot estimates that all final configurations on the Butler Avenue Bridge will be completed in late October 2014. Traffic signals and the new traffic pattern will be finalized. Weather-dependent final paving, clean up, and pedestrian bridge removal may not occur until spring. Crews are currently working six days per week to finish this project as soon as possible.

Check for future updates by signing up for our email list at www.chalfontborough.com. You will receive important emails about traffic, emergencies, activities in town and more.

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Another successful ***Chalfont Challenge 5K Race*** was held on Saturday, June 7. As the final race in the Bucks 5K Series, Chalfont again had the honor of presenting series awards as well as Chalfont awards at the conclusion. Special thanks to our honorary race starters **Kathy and Linda Albert**, long time fire company and community volunteers. Thank you both for your service to the community. Also, special thanks go out to the North Wales Water Authority for sponsoring the Mango Men, and Mars Fishcare for sponsoring the fireworks for Chalfont Day.

2014 Sponsors

Chalfont Borough thanks these proud sponsors of the 2014 Chalfont 5K Challenge for their new and continued sponsorship supporting the future of parks and recreation in the Borough:

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Keystone Municipal Services
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