



Chalfont Borough Lamp Lighter

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Office Hours: 9:00am—4:00pm Monday-Friday ~ Closed Holidays and Weekends
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 Chalfont Borough

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On Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 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.

Before you dig... did you know:

- Bamboo is an invasive plant?
- disposing of bamboo can be costly?
- Bamboo can grow more than 3 feet per year?

To find out more about bamboo and how to avoid a costly problem go to:

<http://www.chalfontborough.com/borough-government/items-under-consideration.aspx>

Meet Your Chalfont Police

Officer Profile: Darien Derstine

Officer Darien Derstine was hired by the Chalfont Borough Police Department in August of 2008. In addition to his duties as a patrolman, he is a member of the Central Bucks Special Response Team, providing specialized tactical police services to the majority of the municipalities in Central and Upper Bucks County. Officer Derstine is a firearms instructor for the department, as well as the AED/CPR and first aid instructor, and handles most technical aspects of departmental radio communications. He currently serves as President of the Chalfont Borough Police Benevolent Association. Prior to becoming a police officer, He worked for 15 years as a career EMT- Paramedic in Central and Upper Bucks County. He is certified as a Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operator, and has an extensive background/training in multiple types of specialized rescue operations. Officer Derstine has held various positions in numerous Upper Bucks county municipalities- including serving as a township Emergency Management Coordinator, and Chief of Department for a regional paramedic unit. He served as a Vice-President of the Bucks County Squad Chiefs' Association and was a member of the EMS Radio Communications Sub-Committee. Officer Derstine attended college in southern Virginia; his hobbies include golf, music, and spending time with family.



School Taxes

2015 School Taxes were mailed to residents on July 1st. If you have not received them or have questions, please contact Nancy Jones at 215-822-2930.

Please make checks payable to: Central Bucks School District or CBSD

Mail payment to 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

To take advantage of the discount, payments must be postmarked by August 31, 2015. Otherwise the base amount is due October 31, 2015.





2015 Fall Leaf Collection

Saturday, October 24
Saturday, November 14
Saturday, December 12

Leaves for recycling should be placed in 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.

FEMA Floodplain Update

In March 2015 new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) were issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These maps delineate flood prone areas and are used for by the Borough for permitting and by mortgage companies to determine if flood insurance is required. The revised FIRMs were created for all of Bucks County by FEMA using updated topographical information.

During the review of these new maps, it was found that some areas in Bucks County required additional study. Some of these areas that required additional study are in Chalfont Borough and include the West Branch of the Neshaminy Creek, the North Branch of the Neshaminy Creek, Pine Run and an unnamed tributary of the North Branch of the Neshaminy Creek. Revised hydrologic and hydraulic analyses were performed to prepare the new floodplain mapping.

New preliminary maps have been issued for the study areas for review and comment. The maps are available at the Borough Office and on-line at <https://www.ramp-team.com/pa.htm>. On this website the information regarding the Neshaminy Creek Watershed is listed near the bottom of the page under Risk Map Watershed Projects.

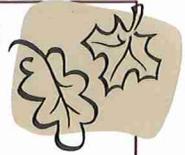
These maps are currently expected to become effective in October 2016. A number of properties in Chalfont Borough near these streams are affected by the change in the floodplain. The Borough will be sending letters to the property owners where there are changes in the floodplain.

Chalfont Borough Monthly Meetings
Council - 2nd Tuesday
Planning - 1st Monday
BPRC—3rd Monday every other month
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
Michael Horvat Nicholas Mason, Junior Member
Borough Manager— Sandra B. Zadell

Ways to Stay Green When the Leaves are Changing



Fall is the time of year when school starts back up and the leaves begin to fall. As you are working outside and enjoying the cooler weather, remember these tips to protect our environment and water.

Harvest fallen leaves

There are many sources of stormwater pollution unique to autumn, and we need your help to control them. Improper disposal poses a threat to our water resources. Leaf litter and yard waste dumped into a stormwater basin or near a waterway can cause harmful nutrient accumulation. Leaves swept into the street can easily enter storm drains and make their way into the nearest creek as well.

Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile and **never in the street or stream!** You can shred yard and leaf waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden.



Aerate and overseed your lawn

Aerating your lawn is an important, yet commonly overlooked, lawn maintenance task. Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots. This helps the roots grow deeply and produce a stronger, more vigorous lawn. It also reduces soil compaction and restores your lawns natural draining ability resulting in less runoff to our streams.

The practice of overseeding lawns is nothing more than spreading grass seed over an existing lawn. Particular attention should be paid to bare areas. With fall germination, the young grass will have two or three months to become better established before temperatures drop too low and growth stops. Next spring, the young plants will have another few months to develop deeper roots before the summer heat sets in. A full, healthy lawn helps to prevent erosion and also reduces runoff.

Extra caution while you keep up with your fall to-do list can make a big difference for the health of our environment, and we thank you for cooperating with this effort. **To report an illicit discharge to the stormwater collection system, stream, creek or river, please call 215-646-5302.**

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
KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP 724-978-0300
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...

- ◆ Septa will not be stopping at the Chalfont Borough Train Station on Saturday, September 26 or Sunday, September 27 in lieu of the Pope's visit to Philadelphia. Chalfont Train Station will be closed on those days.
- ◆ Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/chalfontborough and follow us on Twitter @chalfontboro
- ◆ 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...

- ◆ Bucks County has a new Emergency Notification Service! Go to: <http://www.buckscounty.org/home> and sign up for the new ReadyBucks Alert System powered by Everbridge. If you were signed up for the old alert system your information was not automatically transferred so please sign up again!
- ◆ Please remember that per Borough Ordinance #167A, there is no parking on Borough streets from 1:00am—6:00am.

Exciting progress in Chalfont Borough!

Chalfont Borough voted to join the Bucks County Regional Police Department effective January 1, 2016. There will be no disruption in police service as we transition. For additional information and updates, please visit our website: www.chalfontborough.com.

We recently received \$282,973.80 from Federal Safe Routes to School to complete the sidewalks along Butler Ave. Upon completion, the sidewalks will run from Meadowbrook Lane to Pine Run Elementary School to provide a safe walking route for residents and students.

Walk down to Blue Jay Park to see the newly completed section of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail! The trail can be accessed from behind the Unami track. The trail connects the existing Lenape Landing trail, and the Blue Jay trail, which is accessible from Twin Streams Park and Blue Jay Park.

The BPRC (Blighted Property Review Committee) has been making progress with six properties in the Borough. The Committee would like to thank property owners for their continued cooperation as they work to ensure that all properties comply with code. All are welcome to attend BPRC meetings and the next meetings will be held on September 21 and November 16.

FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

301 North Main Street
www.ChalfontFireCompany.com

Oct. 8, 2015	Fire Prevention Open House	7 pm—9 pm
Oct. 24, 2015	Craft Show	9:30 am—3 pm
Nov. 8, 2015	Pancake Breakfast	8 am—12 pm
Nov. 20, 2015	Last Day for Holiday Cookie Orders	215-822-7847
Nov. 29, 2015	Community Christmas Sing	4:00 pm
Dec. 13, 2015	Holiday Cookie Pick-Up	12 pm—2 pm
Dec. 13, 2015	Family & Pet Photos with Santa	1 pm—4 pm



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 9 - 11, and return your finished scarecrow any time on October 17 -18. 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 between 9/28/2015 and 10/03/2015, by email to: mbeckr@verizon.net or call 215-822-3857. If you have any questions call the Borough Office at 215-822-7295.

ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 3rd

The polling place for all Chalfont Borough residents is Chalfont United Methodist Church, 11 Meadowbrook Road, Chalfont.

You must be registered to vote 30 days in advance of the election. Mail-In voter registration forms are available in the Borough Office.

READY. SET. VOTE.

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Another successful *Chalfont Challenge 5K Race* was held on Saturday, June 6. Special thanks to our honorary race starter *Ms. Bea Barr*, who spent many years as Chalfont Borough Manager and was instrumental in starting the Chalfont Challenge 5k Race 23 years ago. Thank you for your service to the community. And special thanks go out to the North Wales Water Authority for sponsoring the Mango Men, and Byer's Choice for sponsoring the fireworks for Chalfont Day.

2015 Sponsors

Chalfont Borough thanks these proud sponsors of the 2015 Chalfont 5K Challenge for their new and continued sponsorship supporting the future of parks and recreation in the Borough:

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