

Chalfont Borough Lamplighter

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Fall 2019



Business Spotlight: oWowCow

On April 4, 2019, Chalfont Borough welcomed oWowCow to town. Located at 101 North Main Street in Chalfont Borough, their hours are 11am - 10pm, every day.

oWowCow uses locally sourced, natural, organic ingredients, supporting local farms in Bucks County and delivering a product that is wholesome and authentic. Popular favorites include: cookie monstah; caramel cashew; sweet honey cream; mint chocolate chip; chocolate caramel pecan; espresso; honey lavender and more! You can even get a “cow flight”, which is a sampler of five flavors of ice cream.

Stop by and check it out!

Chalfont Borough Monthly Meetings

Council – 2nd Tuesday

Planning – 4th Monday

HARB – 1st Monday

All meetings are held @7:00pm in Chalfont Borough Hall

Chalfont Borough Officials

Mayor Brian D. Wallace

John R. Engel, Council President

John Abbott, Vice President

Tracey Bowen

Jeffrey Coddington

Mark Glidden

Michael Kelly

Marilyn H. Jacobson

Brian Shapiro, Borough Manager





Twin Streams Park

Tax Information

County and Borough Municipal Real Estate Tax bills have been mailed. If you have not received your bill or have recently moved, please contact the tax office at 215-822-7295 to update your mailing address.

If your taxes are escrowed, forward one portion of your bill to your mortgage company and keep a portion for your records. The discount period ends April 30, the base amount is due by June 30. Payments can be made by mail or in person at Borough Hall, 40 North Main Street.

If you pay your bill by mail and would like a receipt, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

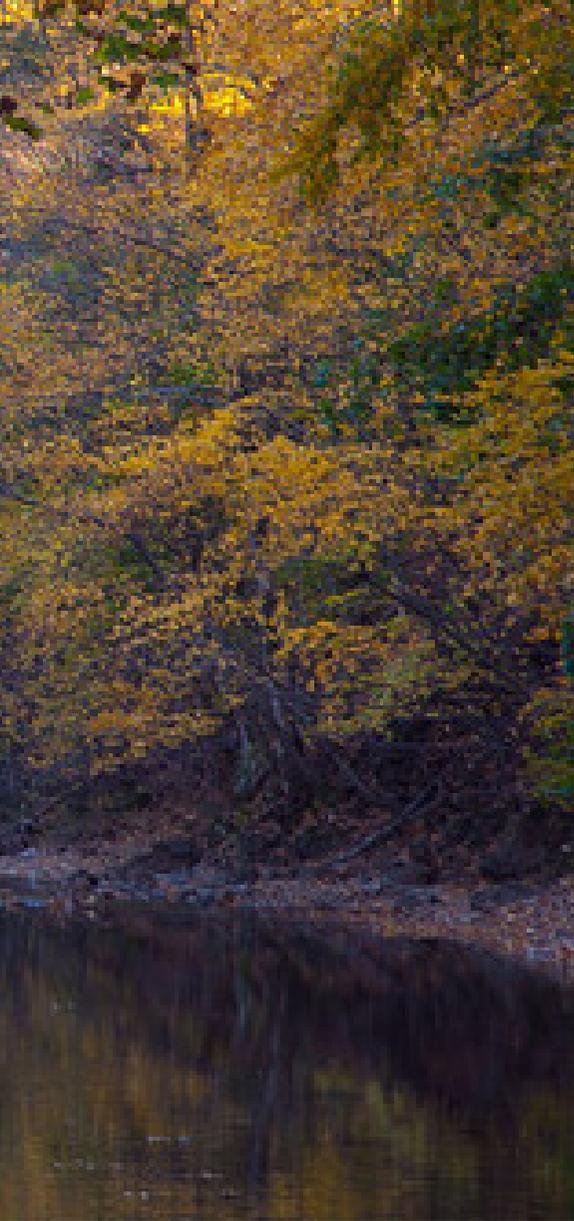
Your Earned Income Tax return is due by April 15. You can e-file on Keystone Collections Group's secure website at www.KeystoneCollects.com. Taxpayer support is also available on this site, or call Keystone's Taxpayer Helpline at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent.

School Taxes

School Taxes are mailed to property owners on July 1st. If you do not receive them or have questions, please contact Nicole Percetti at 215-822-2930.

Please make checks payable to: Central Bucks School District or CBSD. Mail payments to 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

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



2019 Chalfont Evening will be held Saturday, September 7, 2019

Join us at Unami Middle School at 6pm

From the Borough Office

- **Chalfont Evening** will take place at Unami Middle School beginning at 6pm. The event features a Mango Men concert; inflatables for the kids; refreshment vendors; and a fireworks show. Bring your lawn chairs and appetites for a fun family evening. Rain date for the fireworks will be Sunday, 9/8/2019.
- It's Scarecrow time again! We will provide frames, bags for heads, and straw for stuffing—you provide the creativity! Pick up your supplies at Borough Hall October 4th-6th and return your finished scarecrow any time on October 12th-13th. 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 9/23—9/27 by email to mbeckr@verizon.net or call 215-822-3857. If you have any questions, please call the Borough Office at 215-822-7295.

From Public Works

- When mowing, it is a violation to throw or sweep grass clippings into the street.
- If there is a stop sign or other road sign on your property, please ensure that trees & shrubs are trimmed and do not block the visibility to see those signs.

Chalfont Fire Company Events

Turkey Hoagies - 09/07/2019
9:30am-12:30pm

Buffet Breakfast - 09/22/2019
8am-12pm

Fire Prevention Open House -
10/10/2019 7pm-9pm

Craft Show - 10/26/2019
9am-2:30pm

Community Christmas Sing -
12/1/2019 beginning at 4:00pm





Burning in the Borough

Borough Ordinances prohibits igniting a fire for the purpose of destruction of solid waste, yard waste, or recyclables.

The burning of garbage, rubber, leather, plastics, paints, grease, oil and other petroleum products is strictly prohibited.

Recreational fires are permitted but must be attended to at all times and controlled so as not to interfere with the welfare or comfort of other persons in the community and their right to enjoy their property, free and clear of smoke nuisance.

Recreational fires should have a base no wider than 30-inches, have fuel stacked no more than 20-inches high, and must be extinguished by midnight.

Leaf Collection dates:

October 26, 2019
November 9, 2019
December 7, 2019

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 pickup days.

There will be a dumpster behind Borough Hall, 40 North Main Street, from Thursday, 11/7-11/19 or until filled. This 30-yard dumpster is for residents to use for yard waste disposal. Examples of yard waste are: grass clippings, brush or branches not to exceed 4-feet in length.

Bucks County Recorder of Deeds Fraud Alert System

The Bucks County Recorder of Deeds office is now offering the new

Bucks County Fraud Alert System to all residents of Bucks County. The fraud alert system will be free to anyone who would like to sign-up for the service.

If you sign-up, you will receive an email from Landex alerting you anytime a document has been recorded in our office against your name. Businesses are also welcome to sign-up for this service.

Hopefully this free service will go a long way in helping residents to not fall prey to predatory businesses that want you to purchase a costly service that monitors our property records. There is no need to pay an outside group a high monthly fee to do this for you. Click on the link below to sign up now!

<https://www.landex.com/recoralert/bucks>

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.

For more stormwater information, please visit the Borough website at <http://www.chalfontborough.com/stormwater/>

For any questions or concerns regarding stormwater or to report an illicit discharge to the storm sewer system, please call the Borough at 215-822-7295.



From the Borough Manager..



I would like to introduce myself as your new Borough Manager. I officially started on May 13th and am excited to be part of such a great community. I am a lifelong Central Bucks resident and I take pride being a part of this community. I have been working for Pennsylvania boroughs and townships for the last seventeen years. My various roles in local government include Borough and Township Manager, Director of Finance and Human Resources, and Zoning Officer. I look forward to serving this great community—my community. My goal is to continue to support the strong foundation and goals of the borough.

Currently we are working on a feasibility study for a shared parking consolidation plan along North Main Street. The purpose of the study is to see if we could plan for better parking; help reduce traffic by eliminating curb cuts along North Main Street; and expand parking for the properties in the project scope. The project scope is both sides of North Main Street from Butler Avenue to the railroad tracks, including the public parking lot at 101 North Main Street. Community sessions will take place in the Fall of 2019 with property owners within the defined project scope.

Another community project in the works is a grant for a new playground at Chestnut Street Park. The playground will be ADA accessible, and feature play zones for toddlers as well as older kids. The best part is the play surface will be poured in place. This replaces traditional mulch and is great for small kids and accessibility. We anticipate construction to begin in the Spring of 2020.

Please feel free to reach out anytime with questions or concerns via email at bshapiro@chalfontborough.org, on Facebook (Brian Chalfont), by phone at (215-822-7295) or by stopping into Borough Hall. I look forward to working with and for you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Shapiro'.

Brian Shapiro
Chalfont Borough Manager



Another successful Chalfont Challenge 5K Race was held on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Thanks to Mary Jane Clemens for being our honorary race starter.

Special thanks to Advanced Disposal, Dunkin Donuts, Forest Park Water, and Keystone Municipal Services for being Platinum and Gold Sponsors this year!



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Thank you to Manhattan Bagel and Pop Inn Bar & Restaurant for contributing prizes for our runners!
Thank you to Smith Prints for printing our 5K shirts!



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Important Phone Numbers

Advanced Disposal - 484-679-4825	AQUA PA - 800-711-4779
Central Bucks School District - 267-893-2000	Central Bucks Regional Police - 215-345-4143
Chal-Brit Emergency Medical Services 215-822-1308	Chalfont Fire Company - 215-822-9685
Chalfont New Britain Joint Sewer Authority - 215-345-1225	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 - 800-349-7623
	School Tax Collector - 215-822-2930

Bucks County Recycling Program: <http://www.buckscounty.org/government/CommunityServices/Planning-Commission/Recycling> or go to www.chalfontborough.com/forms and look for the Hazardous Waste Schedule

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