

# Chalfont Borough Lanplighter



Spring 2020

Chalfont Borough  
40 North Main Street  
Chalfont, PA 18914

Office Hours  
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9:00am-4:00pm

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Mitchell Meyerson

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## Spring Business Spotlight

Manhattan Bagel of Chalfont is a locally owned Chalfont mainstay of the community since 1996! Don Bradley and his wife Stephanie have loved being a part of the community and seeing Chalfont Borough grow over the years! In 2014, they added a drive thru, which has allowed speedy and convenient service for the customers.

At Manhattan Bagel, bagels are baked daily on location every morning beginning at 3:30 AM. What is the Manhattan Bagel secret? It is the water! We build our bagels in a 50-gallon kettle of water, a style that originated in NYC. That is what gives the bagels their signature crust and chew.

Manhattan Bagel also serves shell cracked egg sandwiches, breakfast wraps, pastries, deli sandwiches, lattes and more!

To learn more about our restaurant, or to have us deliver catering to your next event, head to [www.manhattanbagelchalfont.com](http://www.manhattanbagelchalfont.com), or email us at [mbchalfont@me.com](mailto:mbchalfont@me.com)

## Chalfonts Newest Council Member

Borough officials would like to congratulate newly elected council member Mitchell Meyerson.



I am honored to serve all borough residents for the next four years on council for my second non consecutive term. In my first term we all worked together and built Blue Jay playground. Currently I am working with council to investigate webcasting borough meetings to your laptop or phone. I look forward to increasing borough communications for better government.  
Sincerely Mitchell Meyerson

## 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](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com). Taxpayer support is also available on this site, or call Keystone's Taxpayer Helpline at 1-866-539-1100 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 if due October 31.



**Borough council members, Micheal Kelly and Mark Glidden, taking their oath of office at Chalfont's re-organization meeting after being re-elected for another term.**

## Code Enforcement Reminders

- Please make sure your mailbox is back beyond the curb line.
- Keep your curblines free of vegetation and debris. Trim trees & shrubs back behind the curblines.
- When mowing, it is a violation to throw or sweep grass clippings into the street.

## Yard Tips to Prevent Stormwater Pollution

### Plant a large stature tree:

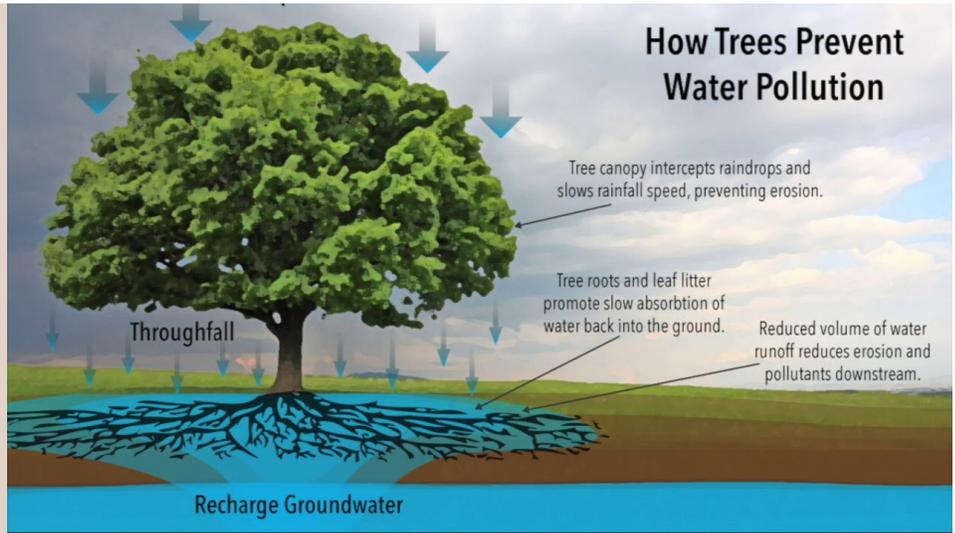
Large trees are great stormwater control. They can intercept over 1,000 gallons of rainwater each year. Where possible, plant a large broad-leaf tree such as an oak, maple, or black gum.

### Consider planting natural, warm season grasses:

Native warm season grasses have extensive roots of 3 to 7 feet deep that enrich the soil and absorb many times the amount of rainwater that turf grass does. The grasses also help to filter out harmful nutrients which degrade our streams.

### Get your soil tested before fertilizing:

Avoid applying too much fertilizer.



Purchase a soil test kit from your local Penn State extension and submit soil samples from your lawn to determine the nutrients that may be lacking. Visit [www.aasl.psu.edu](http://www.aasl.psu.edu) for more information.

### Leave grass clippings for a free fertilizer alternative:

Cut grass at 2 1/2 to 3 inches tall. Mow often enough so that clippings are not longer than one-

third (1/3) of the grass blade, so they can decompose easily into the soil. Spare your stream by avoiding spring fertilization and leave your grass clippings on your lawn instead. Grass clippings supply between 25% and 50% of nitrogen and phosphorus needs.

To report illicit discharge to the stormwater collection system, stream, creek or river, please call Chalfont Borough at 215-822-7295.

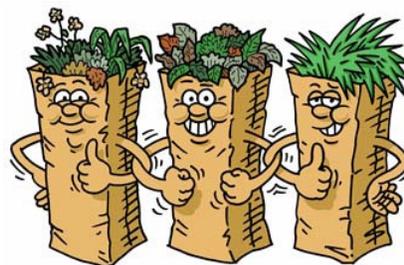
## Spring Yard Clean-Up Dumpster

A 30-yard dumpster will be available, to residents, for yard waste disposal. Acceptable materials include grass clippings, brush and limbs, not exceeding 4-feet in length.

The dumpster will be located in the parking lot behind Borough Hall, 40 North Main Street, from 5/7-5/21 or until filled.

### PLEASE NOTE

**No bags; do not fill over the top of the dumpster; do not leave anything around the dumpster. If it does not fit, you must take it with you!**



## Leaf Collection Dates

May 9, 2020  
October 31, 2020  
November 14, 2020  
December 12, 2020

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.

# Chestnut Street Park

Big news...Chestnut Street Park is getting a playground just in time for warmer weather! Funded by a DCNR Grant and Chalfont's Recreation fund, a new playground and improved walking trail will make Chestnut Street Park a new local attraction! Construction is scheduled to

begin in the upcoming months and when completed the park will feature two separate playground areas, one ideal for toddlers, the other for children 5 to 12 years of age. Both structures will be ADA compliant making the new playgrounds usable for children of all abilities.

This project also includes replacing and widening the trail and making improvements to the grading and drainage. These changes will make the trail more accessible and improve water runoff from the park. The anticipated completion of this project is Spring 2020.

## Coming Soon...



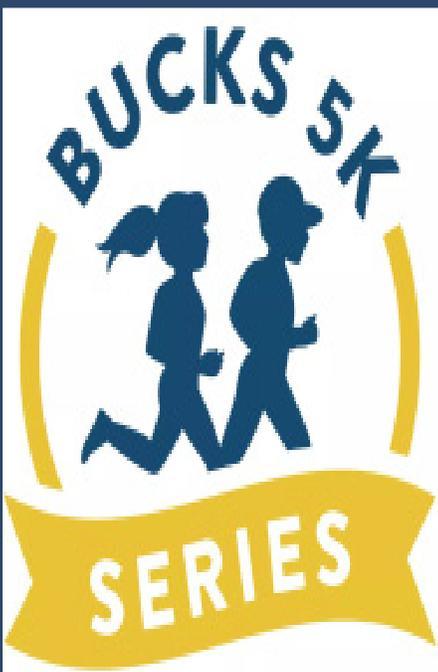
## Public Works

- Patriot Drive and Independence Way will be milled and overlaid this year. Residents along these roadways will receive a letter notifying them of any curbing and or sidewalk that may require replacement on your property.
- Spring street sweeping will begin in early spring weather permitting and will continue until all Borough and State roads within the Borough are swept.



## Chalfont Fire Company Events

- Turkey Hoagies - 05/09/2020  
9am-12:30pm
- Chicken Bar-B-Que - 06/07/2020  
11am-4pm  
(take out only)
- Flea Market - 06/27/2020  
8:30am-1pm
- Turkey Hoagies - 09/05/2020  
9:30am-12:30pm
- Buffet Breakfast - 09/27/2020  
8am-12pm



## Volunteers Needed!

We are still seeking community volunteers to help on race day and local businesses to help sponsor this year's Chalfont Challenge. Sponsorship information is available on the Borough website at [www.chalfontborough.com/information](http://www.chalfontborough.com/information).

You may also volunteer to help on race day at: [mjacobson@chalfont-borough.com](mailto:mjacobson@chalfont-borough.com).

## Race Day Start Times

Registration:  
7:00am—8:25am

1 Mile Fun Run Start:  
8:00am

5K Race Start:  
8:30am

# 2020 Chalfont Challenge

## 5k and Fun Run

June 06, 2020

40 North Main Street

The 27th annual Chalfont Challenge 5k is scheduled for the morning of Saturday June 6, 2020 and is the sixth race in the Bucks 5K seven race series ([www.bucks5Kseries.com](http://www.bucks5Kseries.com)).

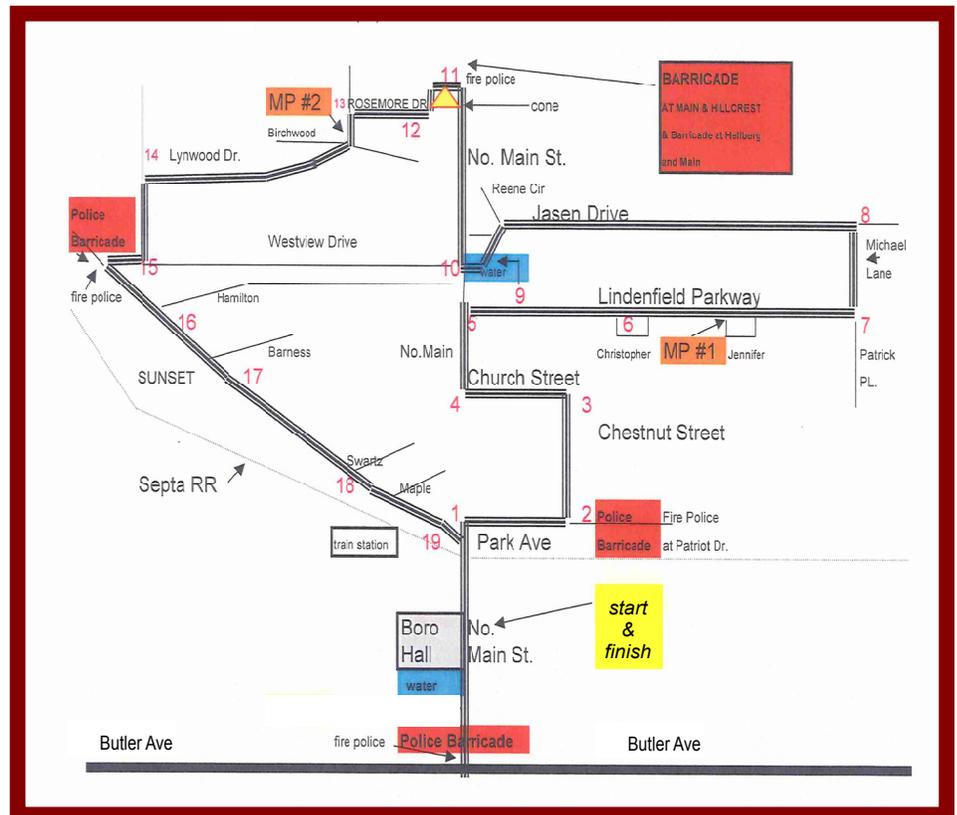
Each year, proceeds benefit Chalfont Borough's Park and Trail Systems. This year's proceeds will go towards Chestnut Street Park improvements which includes a playground and updating the existing trail.

Pre-Registration available now on-line at

<https://www.bucks5kseries.com/>

In person registration starting May 4th

at Chalfont Borough Hall during regular business hours.



### PLEASE NOTE:

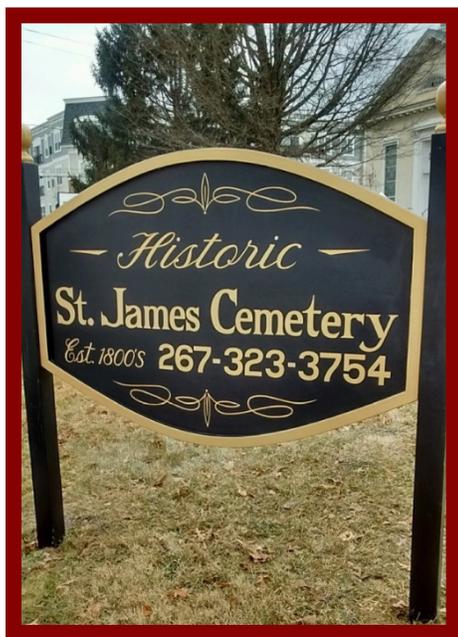
**Streets along the race route will be closed from 7:30 am until approximately 10:30 am on RACE DAY!!!**

# St. James Cemetery

by Marilyn Becker

At the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Main Street there exists a burying ground from the early 1800's. Originally a private cemetery, it was acquired by St. James Church and then by the Lutheran Synod of Philadelphia. In 1845, it was called Whitehallville Cemetery as Whitehallville was the name of the village at that time.

The church was established next door to the cemetery in 1857 by

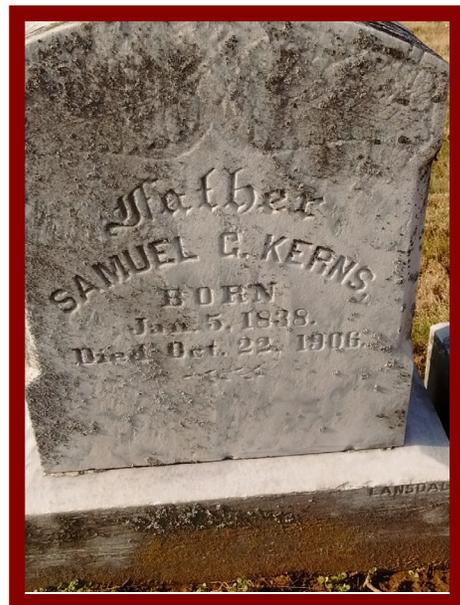


some of the early settlers of the village, Barndt, MacReynolds, Eckharts and Delps. In the beginning only the front area existed. Both English and German were spoken in the church and two grave stones in German are located in the bury-

ing ground. One of the pastors serving the church, The Reverend John Hassler, left the church to become a chaplain in the 112th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Besides early settlers, there are veterans from the Civil War, Spanish-American War, First & Second World Wars, Vietnam War and Pioneer Order of the Sons of America buried here. The old P.O.S. of A. building stood where the Patriot Station at Chalfont building now exists. It provided a home for elderly people.

One of the veterans of the Civil War was Samuel G. Kerns. He served at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg where he was wounded and honorably discharged. He traveled and learned the wheelwright and carriage trade. Samuel owned land in two places in Chalfont. His wheelwright shop was located where the Family Restaurant exists now and the other lot was near where Manhattan Bagel is located. There is a street called Kerns Avenue in Chalfont. His son, Oliver, was involved in local government. Another veteran buried in the cemetery is Marine Stanley Cope, Junior. He was killed in Vietnam at the age of twenty. He is listed on the



Washington Vietnam Memorial and there is a street named after him in Sellersville.

Another outstanding citizen was Thomas MacReynolds. He started out as a school teacher, proceeded to study law, and acted as justice of the peace and then ended up as a state representative. He purchased a lot just off Route 202, 6 East Butler, for five hundred dollars, and proceeded to build a house there. His son, George, wrote a book called Place Names in Bucks County. A former pastor, Kenneth Auer is buried in St. James Cemetery. He served until 1989. His stone reads, "In God's Care". One of the grave stones in the cemetery is Elizabeth Eckart's. It is called a cradle stone and is unique. She died early and her husband Martin Eckart arranged to have a stone constructed by the Hargrave brothers who moved to Doylestown from Philadelphia. They were stone masons and had worked on Gerard College and Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Elizabeth's stone is signed by Thomas Hargrave. Her husband Martin owned a mill near the Route 202 area. His brother George owned Eckart's Grove, also known as Forest Park, an outdoor entertainment center. Vice-President Truman visited this park and people came from all over to enjoy its swan ride and other activities.

Stones that show lambs on their top signify children's graves.

In 1979 there were four hundred-thirty-three interments in this burial site.

In 2018, veterans Noel Pelletier and Mike Gallagher of VFW Post 3258 undertook the construction of a sign for the cemetery, Bucks Beau-

tiful donated daffodil bulbs and the veterans and members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Doylestown planted the bulbs.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these men and women who developed our community and fought in the wars to keep us safe. They are an important part of Chalfont's history.

## Central Bucks Regional Police

Guess who came to visit? K9 Baron and his handler, Officer Hochmuth, from the Central Bucks Regional Police Department!

CBRPD is expanding the K9 Unit! Odie is a 10-month old German Shepherd who recently joined the force and will begin scent training in March.

Baron and Officer Hochmuth have assisted in several drug arrests with

Baron's nose finding drugs hidden in all sorts of places.

Baron was quick to demonstrate his ability at finding drugs by alerting to the Chalfont Borough drug drop in the lobby - you are a good boy Baron!

To donate to the program, go to <http://www.cbrpolicefoundation.com/> and select "Make a Donation".



## July 4th Tri-Municipal Parade

Come join us for the 2020 Tri-Municipal Parade! The parade begins at 9:30am in New Britain Boroughs Town Center shopping center, proceeds down Butler Ave, passing through Chalfont and ends at North Branch Park in New Britain Township. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair and/or blanket!!

**Everyone is welcome to participate in the July 4th Tri Municipal Parade. Use your creativity and enter a float!**

**Contact JoAnn at 215-822-1391 for more information.**

## Chalfont Night Saturday September 12th

Festivities will take place at Unami Middle School beginning at 7pm. The event begins with a Mango Men concert, inflatables for the kids, refreshment vendors and a fireworks show at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and appetites for a fun family evening. Rain date for the fireworks will be Sunday.

## Monthly Meetings

Council  
2nd Tuesday of the month

Planning Commission  
4th Monday of the month

HARB  
1st Monday of the month

All meetings are held at 7PM in  
Chalfont Borough Hall

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## Important Phone Numbers

Advanced Disposal - 484-679-4825

Central Bucks School District - 267-893-2000

Chal-Brit Emergency Medical Services 215-822-1308

Chalfont New Britain Joint Sewer Authority - 215-345-1225

Keystone Collections Group - 724-978-0300

PennDOT Highway Maintenance - 215-345-6060

AQUA PA - 800-711-4779

Central Bucks Regional Police - 215-345-4143

Chalfont Fire Company - 215-822-9685

Chalfont Post Office - 215-822-0659

PECO Emergency - 800-841-4141

Pot Hole Reporting - 800-349-7623

School Tax Collector - 215-822-2930

Bucks County Recycling Program:

<http://www.buckscounty.org/government/CommunityServices/PlanningCommission/Recycling>  
or go to [www.chalfontborough.com/forms](http://www.chalfontborough.com/forms) and look for the Hazardous Waste Schedule

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