

# **Chalfont Borough Lamplighter**

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Chalfont Borough



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Fall 2016



**On Wednesday, October 5, 2016**, 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 offi-

cials will be walking from designated drop-offs to Pine Run 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

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: <a href="https://www.walktoschool.org">www.walktoschool.org</a> or <a href="https://www.walktoschool.org">www.saferoutesinfo.org</a>. Please call 215-822-7295 to register—space is limited!

#### It is Scarecrow time again!!

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 8th-9th and return your finished scarecrow any time on October 15th-16th. 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 9/26/2016—10/1/2016 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.

#### **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 N. 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 <a href="https://www.KeystoneCollects.com">www.KeystoneCollects.com</a>. 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**

2016 School Taxes were mailed to residents on July 1st. If you did not receive 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, 2016. Otherwise the base amount is due October 31, 2016.

# **Fall Leaf Collection Dates:**

Saturday, October 22, 2016 Saturday, November 5, 2016 Saturday, December 3, 2016

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.

From the Borough Office ...

- Trash and recyclables should be placed curbside on Thursday evening for pickup on Friday morning. Trucks may come as early as 6:00am. If you have a bulk item to dispose of, call Advanced Disposal for pick up at 866-342-5497.
- Get the latest new by subscribing to news on the Borough website: www.chalfontborough.com or like us on: facebook.com/Chalfont Borough, or follow us on Twitter @chalfontboro.
- Have you ever wondered what types of woody plants grow on your property? How to choose the right plants for your property? How best to help them thrive? Please join us for a seminar on woody plants and their care by Associate professor Dr. Mingwang Liu from Delaware Valley University on Oct. 5, 2016 from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Borough Hall, located at 40 North Main Street.
- Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6, 2016—do not forget to turn your clocks back an hour.

Public Works ...

- Street sweeping will begin in the Borough. Please make sure your mailbox is back beyond the curb line. Trim trees & shrubs back too.
- When mowing, please do not throw or sweep grass clippings into the street.
- New Gazebo at Krupp Park—Thank you to the Cordell Family for their generous donation of a lovely new gazebo at Krupp Park in honor of David Cordell. The gazebo is an important ceremonial location in town.

Ordinance 423—Solicitation

Chalfont Borough Council recently passed Ordinance 423 which updated Ordinance 36-A, the borough's existing solicitation ordinance from 1957.

- Residents may now sign up to be on a Do-Not-Knock List to prevent permitted solicitors from knocking on their door. Go to: www.chalfontborough.com/register/ and add your information to the Solicitation Do-Not-Knock List. Only your street address will be provided to permitted solicitors.
- Residents may also post a "No Solicitation" sign in their window to prevent permitted solicitors from calling. Make your own, or download at: www.chalfontborough.com/ forms/ and look for the No Solicitation Sign.
- Permitted solicitors must carry the Borough issued Solicitation Permit Card with them at all times. Approval information will be on the front and their photo will be on the back.

All Borough ordinances are online at http://www.ecode360.com/CH0570

Bus Service

Chalfont Borough is researching the viability of a local bus service.

Please complete the short survey online [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dartroute]. You can also call us at 215-822-7295 or stop in and we can record your responses for you. Participation is key! We want to know what residents would like to see as far as service stops, locations, timing, etc.

# **Chalfont Fire Company Events**

#### 301 North Main Street

#### www.ChalfontFireCompany.com

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September 25, 2016	Buffet Breakfast	8:00am—12:00pm
October 13, 2016	Fire Prevention Open House	7:00pm—9:00pm
October 29, 2016	Craft Show	9:30am—3:00pm
November 18, 2016	Last Day to order Holiday Cookies	215-822-7847
November 27, 2016	Community Christmas Sing	4:00pm

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving by Fire Truck

December 11, 2016 Holiday Cookie Sale Pick-Up noon—2:00pm

Receive notifications electronically by sending your email address to cfcauxiliary@gmail.com

# \*\*Yard Waste Dumpster\*\*

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

Another successful **Chalfont Challenge 5K Race** was held on Saturday, June 4. Special thanks to the Cordell Family for being our honorary race starters. Thank you for your service to the community and generous gift of a new Gazebo for Krupp Park! And special thanks go out to the JERC Partners XXV, LP for sponsoring the Mango Men, & North Wales Water Authority for sponsoring the fireworks for Chalfont Evening.



#### **GOLD**

Advanced Disposal
Begley, Carlin, & Mandio LLP
Brian Wallace-Keller Williams RE
Bi-County Fuels
Chalfont Hardware
CKS Engineers, Inc.
E. Kahn Development
Forest Park Water
Keystone Municipal Services
Los Sarapes
McNamara Financial Group
Sam Kadam DMD Orthodontist
Stifel Financial
Tommy Carr Tire & Auto Center
Vandurafit

# SILVER CNBBA

Chalfont Collision Center
Dunlap & Associates
Garber Law LLC, Cheryl Garber,
Esq.
Hilltop Family Tire & Auto
Brody, Reese & Ronnie Horvat
KCBA Architects
Penn Community Bank
The Goddard School
Tony D's Hairstyling
Universal Electric

#### **BOOSTERS**

Action Karate
Anytime Fitness
Armour & Sons Electric
Chalfont VFW Post 3258
Express Cleaners
Merck, Sharpe & Dohme
Montgomeryville Maaco
Steven Goldblum, Attorney at Law
Travelers Limo LLC
Wehrung's Lumber & Home Center



# . Things You Can Do To Reduce Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Keep all litter off the street and place it in receptacles so that it does not get washed down the storm drains.
- Service your car regularly to prevent gasoline, oil, anti-freeze and brake and transmission fluids from leaking onto the pavement and washing into our streams.
- Place dog waste in a trash can. Do no leave it on your yard, in the street or place it in a storm drain. Pet waste can introduce disease-causing bacteria into our water supply.
- Use fertilizers and herbicides sparingly and only when necessary. Follow the directions on the package. Use organic fertilizer and do not use before heavy rain events.
- Set your mower's height at 3 inches. Taller grass absorbs more stormwater.
- Use absorbent materials such as cat litter or rags to soak up any spills, then sweep up and dispose of the items properly. Do not use water from a hose to "water down" the spill.
- Choose water based paints and wash brushes in the sink with water.
- Reuse and recycle paint thinner. Do not pour it down the sink or drain. Take it to a local household hazardous waste disposal center.



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

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.

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# **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** 

**CENTRAL BUCKS REGIONAL POLICE 215-345-4143** 

**CHALFONT POST OFFICE 215-822-0659** 

**KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP 724-978-0300** 

# 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.

# **Chalfont Borough Monthly Meetings**

Council—2nd Tuesday

Planning—1st Monday

Blighted Property—3rd Monday

HARB—4th Monday

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

# **Chalfont Borough Officials**

Mayor Marilyn J. Becker

John R. Engel, Council President

John Abbott, Vice President

Tracey Bowen

Jeffrey Coddington

Michael Horvat

Michael Kelly

Marilyn H. Jacobson

Sandra B. Zadell, Borough Manager