

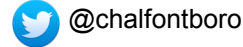


Chalfont Borough Lamplighter

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Fall 2017

Chalfont Borough is about to become a Bird Town!

What does this mean? Being a Bird Town is a partnership with the National Audubon Society and towns and municipalities throughout the state to promote conservation and community based activities to create a healthy, more sustainable environment for both birds and people. Chalfont Borough will be joining the ranks of other towns such as New Britain Borough, Doylestown Twp. & Borough, Solebury, Lower Makefield, Falls Twp., and many other towns in the region. Bird towns make an effort to restore natural ecosystems to create a culture of conservation where everyone is a potential steward of nature in their own backyard and around their community.



One of Chalfont Borough's first project goals are to plant more native trees this fall in the riparian zone at Twin Streams Park. Why native plants? Native plants require less care, have more resistance to disease, and since they are adapted to growing in our region, they can pretty much fend for themselves. Also planned is the completion of a community demonstration rain garden. Rain Gardens channel rain water and make it available to nearby plants to absorb run off. Rain Gardens are great natural filters for storm water and also help our birds and wildlife by providing an important native plant resource. We also hope to have public educational programs throughout the year on various topics.

In order to get things done, we will be forming a committee of volunteers, so if you are interested in helping, please contact Trish Harrington at Trishah620@gmail.com or Sandra Zadell at Chalfont Borough Administration office.

It is 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 6th-8th and return your finished scarecrow any time on October 14th-15th. Our Public Works Department will install the scarecrows on the street light poles on Main Street & Butler Avenue in time for Halloween.

Place your order for frames and heads between 9/29/2017—9/30/2017 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.

You have until December 31, 2017 to pay your 2017 County and Municipal Real Estate Tax Bills. Bills not paid by December 31, 2017, will be considered delinquent and a lien will be placed on the property. You may call the Chalfont Borough Tax Collector, Barbara Klingerman, with any questions or concerns at 215-822-7295, extension 200.

School Taxes

2017 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, 2017. Otherwise the base amount is due October 31, 2017.

ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 7th

The polling place for all Chalfont Borough residents is Chalfont United Methodist Church, 11 Meadowbrook Road, Chalfont from 7:00am—8:00pm.

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. 

From the Borough Office ...

- ◆ Trash and recyclables (cardboard, newspaper, magazines, mail, food boxes and cans, beverage cans, plastic bottles and caps #1-7) 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 news by subscribing to news on the Borough website: www.chalfontborough.com or like us on: [facebook.com/Chalfont Borough](https://www.facebook.com/ChalfontBorough), or follow us on Twitter @chalfontboro.
- ◆ Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5, 2017 at 2:00am—do not forget to turn your clocks back an hour.
- ◆ Please remember to keep dogs leashed when not on your property and do not allow them to run at large.

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.
- ◆ There will be a dumpster behind Borough Hall, 40 North Main Street, from Thursday, November 9th—November 17th. 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. **PLEASE NOTE: no plastic 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.**
- ◆ Christmas Tree Drop-Off information: Christmas trees may be dropped off from December 26, 2017-January 7th, 2018 in the parking lot at Swartley-Winkelmann Field located at 500 North Main Street.

Fall Leaf Collection Dates:

October 28, 2017, November 11, 2017, and December 2, 2017

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 Chalfont Fire Company- Did you know?

The borough is served by the Chalfont Fire Company which is all volunteer and responds to many calls in the borough. This is a very dedicated group that is trained and responds for many hours each month.

Although the trucks have numbers 34, 54 and 74 on them, they are all from one of the two stations that serve Chalfont. The company is always looking for new members, specifically those in the 17-25 age bracket. Although the job is often hard, it is also very rewarding to be able to help others when they need it most. The company is like a big family, with the fire-fighting tradition continued for generations. The bond that is formed among the unpaid members when helping others is unlike any other found in civilian life.

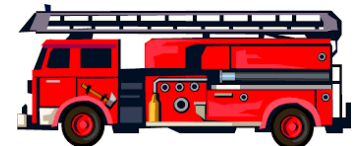
Many of our responses are caused by smoke alarms which are set off by accident or are faulty. You can help us by checking your alarms to determine that they are less than 10 years old whether they are battery or hard wired electrically powered. Ten years is the time limit for the sensor in the alarm to work with reliability according to the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association).

Most alarms have a date somewhere on the device that states "replace by" or a manufacturers date. These should not be confused with CO (Carbon Monoxide Alarms) where sensors only last to a maximum of 7 years. This is an area where you can actively help us without leaving home .

Chalfont Fire Company Events

301 North Main Street

www.ChalfontFireCompany.com



September 24, 2017	Buffet Breakfast	8:00am—12:00pm
October 12, 2017	Fire Prevention Open House	7:00pm—9:00pm
October 28, 2017	Craft Show	9:30am—3:00pm
November 26, 2017	Community Christmas Sing	4:00pm Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving by Fire Truck
December 2, 2017	Last Day to order Holiday Cookies	215-822-7847
December 10, 2017	Holiday Cookie Sale Pick-Up	noon—2:00pm

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

Ways to Stay Green When the Leaves are Changing—*Ideas for preparing for winter in an environmentally friendly way*



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. The leaves are falling, and their improper disposal poses a threat to our water resources. Leaf litter and any 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 really 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.



A little 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 215-822-7295.**

Another successful **Chalfont Challenge 5K Race** was held on Saturday, June 3. Special thanks to the Mayor Marilyn Becker for being our honorary race starter. Thank you for your service to the community! And special thanks go out to **Forest Park Water** for sponsoring the fireworks for Chalfont Evening.



GOLD

- Advanced Disposal
- Begley, Carlin, & Mandio LLP
- Brian Wallace-Keller Williams RE
- Chalfont New Britain Business Alliance
- CKS Engineers, Inc.
- Forest Park Water
- JERC Partners
- Keystone Municipal Services
- McNamara Financial Group
- Shober & Rock
- Stifel Financial
- Tommy Carr Tire & Auto Center
- Wehrungs Hardware

SILVER

- Bi-County Fuels, Inc.
- Chalfont Collision Center
- Dunlap & Associates
- Garber Law LLC, Cheryl Garber, Esq.
- Hartzel's Concrete
- Hilltop Family Tire & Auto
- KCBA Architects
- Manhattan Bagel
- Penn Community Bank
- Universal Electric

BOOSTERS

- Action Karate
- Angel Falls Design
- Chalfont Boro Farmers Market
- Chalfont Family Dentistry
- Chalfont VFW Post 3258
- High Performance Gymnastics
- Holiday House Pet Resort
- Lawn Doctor
- Mars Fishcare
- Pina's Pizza
- Salon Salvatore Christian
- Steven Goldblum, Attorney at Law

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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 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 ONLY 800-349-7623
SCHOOL TAX COLLECTOR 215-822-2930

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