



# Chalfant Borough Newsletter

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### A WORD FROM COUNCIL: CHANGE IN TRASH COLLECTION DAY

The Borough Council wishes to advise residents that our trash collection day has changed from Monday to Wednesday effective January 1, 2016.

As per our ordinances, trash may only be placed curbside within 24 hours of trash collection. Trash should not be brought to the curb until Tuesday to remain in compliance with this ordinance.

### ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

This year, the newsletter will be available via PDF file to residents who wish to receive it electronically rather than in the mail.

Should you be interested in having it emailed, please contact Alia Pustorino-Clevenger at [aliaclevenger@gmail.com](mailto:aliaclevenger@gmail.com)

This new format will enable a reduction of paper being generated in our landfills and will also reduce printing costs for the Borough.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FYI'S

**2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF OCCUPANCY:** As per Ordinance 319, all property owners must complete this document on a yearly basis. This form can be either faxed, mailed, or delivered to the Borough Building in person by MARCH 15, 2016.

**ORDINANCE 415 PASSED:** Ordinance 415 requires any property owner residing outside of a 50 mile radius of the Borough must name a property manager. This information must be provided to the Borough and can be listed on the Annual Report of Occupancy.

**DATES OF HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION:** Memorial Day and Labor Day both fall on Monday so Waste Management will collect trash one day later than our normal scheduled pick up. During that week, our pick up day will become Thursday. All other trash collection days will remain on Wednesday. Please do not put trash out sooner than 24 hours before collection and trash should be placed on curb, not on sidewalks.

**211 SOUTHWEST:** Residents are advised that the United Way has a free "resource and information hub" that provides assistance for health, disaster, and community services. This is a confidential source and they are available 24-7 by calling 211 or by going online to <http://pa211sw.org/>.

**CHALFANT SERVICEMAN'S MEMORIAL PARK GRANT:** As many of you have noticed, our Pennsylvania Department and Economic Development Greenways, Trails, and Recreation grant has started in the park with the installation of lighting, a new entrance gate, and the removal of our old swing set. After the winter weather breaks, more work will take place in the park that will include a new swing set being installed, new playground fall zones, and several improvements to the concession stand. A security camera system and new bleachers will also be coming to the park in the spring as well. Borough Council thanks residents for their understanding and cooperation as we make these improvements to our community park.

## CHALFANT NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHALFANT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISERS

The Chalfant Volunteer Fire Department will host their Hoagie Sale on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. at the Corner of North and Rossmore Avenues. \$7.00 per hoagie. A soup and chili sale will be scheduled for the May Primary with more details to follow.

The VFD is also going to be taking over the Chalfant Car Cruise which will take place on Saturday, July 30, 2016, rain date on July 31st.

### JOIN THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

If you would like to join the VFD, serve your community, and make new friends please stop by the Volunteer Fire Department any Thursday at 6:00 P.M. and talk with the officers.

### CHALFANT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2016 BASEBALL & T-BALL REGISTRATION

Chalfant Athletic Association will be holding their 2016 Baseball and T-Ball registration via telephone this year. Players must be between the ages of 4 to 12 years old and reside within the Woodland Hills School District.

For additional information or to register players, please call Diane Hillen at 412-823-5359 by February 29, 2016.

### BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the plantings around the Memorials at the Park, North Avenue, and at the signs at Chalfant Street and the Greensburg Pike. If you are interested in helping, please contact Alia Pustorino-Clevenger at 412-823-8798 or by email at [aliaclevenger@gmail.com](mailto:aliaclevenger@gmail.com).

Residents are also cordially invited to the annual Borough Redd Up which will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2016. We will meet at 1 P.M. in the Community Center and will spend approximately two hours cleaning our streets.

### COMMUNITY CENTER AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Planning a family reunion or other special event? The Community Center is available to Chalfant residents. The cost to rent the center is \$175.00. A security deposit of \$100.00 will be returned if there is no damage and the center is left clean. For rental information or to book a date, please contact the Eileen Wroblewski at 412-277-0693.

### E-CYCLING AND RECYCLING IN THE BOROUGH

Residents are reminded that **all unwanted electronic devices need to be recycled!**

This new mandate, effective 1/2014 includes televisions, computer screens, and any other device with an electronic cord attachment. Please be proactive and contact Council Members to make arrangements to take any electronic items to the borough garage for recycling. Borough residents are also reminded that there are recycling containers outside of the borough garage as well. Please be certain to continue to separate paper from other recycling. All residents are asked to properly store your unwanted recycling bags in the trash container provided beside the recycling dumpster to help keep the borough clean.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TRASH COLLECTION RESTRICTIONS AND RECYCLING

As a reminder, residents are advised that there are prohibited items which are not permitted to be picked up during curbside trash collection. As such, Waste Management has provided a new list of guidelines for resident pickup. The following items are PROHIBITED:

- Appliances of any kind
- Dead animals or animal parts
- Antifreeze
- Asbestos
- Barrels
- Batteries
- Chemical Products
- Contaminated Oils (Mixed with solvents, gasoline, etc)
- Dirt
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Hazardous Waste
- Herbicides & Pesticides
- Industrial Waste
- Lubricating or Hydraulic Oil
- Medical Waste
- Monitors (Computer)
- Motor Oil
- Oil Filters
- Other Flammable Liquids
- Paint (Except completely dried latex paint cans, no liquids)
- Petroleum Contaminated Soil/Lead Paint Chips
- Propane Tanks
- Radioactive Material
- Railroad Ties
- Solvents
- Televisions, Computers, and Other E-Waste
- Tires
- Transmission Oil

Please Note: All garbage must be containerized or bagged with a weight NOT TO EXCEED 40 lbs.

Carpeting and tree branches must be bundled and not to exceed a length of 4 feet.

Construction and renovation material WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

When a material can be considered hazardous to the environment or the Waste Management operators, it will not be collected.

If materials are left at curbside, the property owner will be responsible for removal and will be cited when this is not done promptly.

For questions or solutions please call Waste Management Customer Service at 1-800-458-4090.

Additional local resources include:

- Construction Junction
- The Center for Creative Reuse (onsite at Construction Junction)
- The Pennsylvania Resources Council hosts hard to recycle events
- Best Buy (ink cartridges, compact discs, small electronics/phones, etc.)
- Target (ink cartridges, compact discs, small electronics/phones, etc.)
- Duquesne Light offers a program for old refrigerator collection

### FAREWELL TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAURIE WILLIAMS

In the mid-1990's Laurie Williams went to her first Chalfant Council meeting to object to Trick or Treat times being changed from early evening to mid-afternoon and as they say, the rest is history.

Laurie took an active interest in our town during those early years going to Council meetings and also resurrecting the Chalfant Borough newsletter as a means in which to communicate important points of interest to residents.

In the time since, Laurie has served Council as chair of various committees and executive positions, most recently serving as Council President.

Council members were surprised to learn when petitions were to be filed for re-election that Laurie had decided it was time to pass the gavel and conclude her term of service on December 31, 2015.

An avid traveler and movie buff, we hope that those nights and weekends that Laurie would normally have spent at meetings can now be spent seeing new sites and Oscar worthy performances.

We want to thank her for her dedication to the Borough for all these years and also to the many additional responsibilities that she took on during her tenure on Council.

### SANTA CLAUS VISITS CHALFANT BOROUGH

December 12, 2015 may have been an unseasonably warm day in Western Pennsylvania, but it certainly did not stop Santa Claus from visiting with the children in our Borough at the Centennial Christmas Party and Time Capsule Closing.

Santa came to hear the children's Christmas wishes and also to give them small toys and gifts while posing for photographs during an afternoon of light lunch and refreshments.

Special thanks are in order to the following individuals for making the Christmas Celebration a success: Jim Perry for his inspiring welcome and Mayor's remarks, and Doris Libell and Joanne Baburich for coordinating the refreshments and making the afternoon perfect. We also thank former Mayor Steve Orosz for sharing many fond memories of the Borough and his donation of Diamond Anniversary memorabilia which will be put into the time capsule as it is sealed and put back into the park after the spring thaws.

This activity brought to an end a very successful year of Centennial celebrations and we would be remiss if we forgot to thank all our residents and the committee members who participated actively in the year.

Special thanks are given to committee members Jim and Donna Perry, Doris Libell, Joanne and Bob Baburich, Cindy Roche, George Markovic, Laurie Williams, and Steve Orosz. More thanks are given to the event chairs and volunteers who helped us with planning: Greg and Lucy DiNardo and George Markovic (the Car Cruise), Doris Libell and Joanne Baburich (Memorial Day and Christmas Party), Tom Kassardo (Night at the Races), the Borough Council, and the Chalfant Volunteer Fire Department who brought back their Fireman's Fair which they hosted in September.

Centennial Co-Chairs Alia Pustorino-Clevenger and Chad Hoover

### FIRE DEPARTMENT FYI'S

The Chalfant Volunteer Fire Department asks that you review your current homeowner's policy to ask that your address is listed in Chalfant Borough and not East Pittsburgh. This important distinction helps to assure that state monies are generated to the appropriate fire department.



### WELCOME JOANNE BABURICH TO COUNCIL

Borough Council wishes to extend a warm welcome to Joanne Baburich as she joins the Council, effective January 4, 2016.

A life-long resident, Joanne has served on many committees and has been an active member of the Chalfant community. Most recently, she served on the Centennial committee where she assisted in the year-long planning.

Joanne will be responsible for addressing permits and ordinances as well as serving on several other committees.

Please join Council in welcoming Joanne to her new role in our community.

### VACANCY BOARD CHAIR POSITION FILLED

In order to comply with the Borough Code in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all municipalities were recently asked to name a resident to serve as their Vacancy Board Chair.

This person's role is necessary should a Council member leave during a term and if someone is not identified during a thirty day period to fill the seat by the current Council. At that time, interested full-time Borough residents are invited to contact the Vacancy Board Chair and request that they be considered to fill the vacant Council seat.

The individual who has agreed to serve in this role is Donna Perry. Should any seats become available, residents are invited to contact Donna at 412-823-8197 to express their interest.

### WINTER REMINDERS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Residents are reminded that borough ordinance (Chapter 21, section 321) requires that:

- **Sidewalks are shoveled within 24 hours of a snowfall. We ask that property owners do their best to clear a path for the safety of pedestrians and school children.**
- **When shoveling your sidewalk and/or driveway, DO NOT shovel the snow into the street**
- **In the event of a significant snowfall, if you have a driveway, please park there in order for our snowplows to clear snow more effectively.**
- **If there is a fire hydrant near your home, please assist our volunteers by removing snow from around the hydrant.**

If you are planning to be away from your home during the winter months for a period of time, **you must** make arrangements to have your property maintained. **The borough will enforce the ordinance** and we ask that all residents comply.

Questions and/or concerns should be directed to the Borough Council by contacting Joanne Baburich at 412-496-3644

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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#### SECRETARY

Kirsten Schwengel: Available in office: Mondays 6-7 p.m. and by appointment (except week of council meetings, second Wednesday of the month)

#### MAYOR

James Perry 412-823-8197

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Chad Hoover 412-477-5618

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark Swinney 412-824-8375

Vice President, Road Department  
Tom Kasardo 412-352-8867

Public Safety (Police and Fire)  
Bob Lasser 412-823-8233

Borough Property & Recreation  
Joanne Baburich 412-496-3644

Permits & Ordinances  
Alia M. Pustorino-Clevenger 412-823-8798

Treasurer, Administration  
Bob Hensell 412-823-4713

Health & Sanitation

#### OTHER BOROUGH CONTACTS:

Athletic Association:  
Diane Hillen 412-823-5359

Constable: William Fisher  
Engineer: Glenn Engineering & Associates

Community Center/Park Rentals:  
Eileen Wrablewski 412-277-0693

Ordinance Officer:  
Phil Dodge 412-823-0202

Solicitor: G. M. Ewashnik  
Tax Collector: Robert Baburich 412-823-9689

Volunteer Fire Chief: Ray Wrablewski

Police: Forest Hills Police Department  
Emergency & Non-emergency 911

**BOROUGH MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.**

#### 2016 Borough Council Meeting Dates

February 10	July 13
March 9	August 10
April 13	September 14
May 11	October 12
June 8	November 9
	December 14