

Chalfant Borough
144 Lynnwood Avenue
Chalfant Borough, PA 15112



Chalfant Borough Newsletter

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MORE CHALFANT NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CHALFANT REDD UP DAY 2018—TENTATIVE DATE

Save the date, April 28, 2018 for the annual Chalfant Redd Up Day. Residents are asked to meet at the Community Center on North Avenue at 12:00 P.M. and will be provided gloves and bags before going out to clean areas of the borough identified in advance. All trash will be collected by the Forest Hills Department of Public Works following the event.

CHALFANT COMMUNITY DAY/EMERGENCY SERVICE APPRECIATION DAY

The Crime Watch Committee is currently planning a day where residents are invited to meet our local police officers, volunteer fire department, and emergency medical personnel. It is tentatively scheduled for May 2018 with more information to follow.

MEMORIAL DAY 2018

The borough will host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony Sunday, May, 27th at the North Avenue Memorial at 11:00 A.M. A light lunch will follow at the Community Center

A WORD FROM COUNCIL: NEW BOROUGH WEBSITE

Chalfant Borough has launched a new website effective 1/2018 to provide residents access to documents, minutes, newsletters, our community calendar, and other information. In the upcoming months, more continue will continue to be added to serve the needs of our residents so please visit often for updates.

www.chalfantborough-pa.org.

ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

The newsletter is now 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 chalfantborough@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

2018 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, emailed, or delivered to the Borough Building in person by **MARCH 1, 2018**. The form will be sent to residents and can be found on the Borough website.

ORDINANCE 415 REMINDER: 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.

PASSAGE OF DUMPSTER ORDINANCE: When doing improvements to a home, residents are reminded of the ordinance that requires a permit to be issued for the use of any dumpster or bagster. For information regarding this process, please contact Joanne Baburich at 412-496-3644.

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/>.

MEALS FOR FRIENDS: Local non-profit Meals for Friends delivers two meals a day, five days a week to Chalfant residents who are seniors or disabled citizens for a recommended donation of \$6.00 per day for freshly cooked nutritious hot meals and bagged lunches. For more information or to register with Meals for Friends, please contact 412-824-2400.

CHANGES IN BOROUGH CODE ENFORCEMENT: Residents are advised that the Turtle Creek Council of Governments (COG) now addresses all Chalfant Code Enforcement and Occupancy Permitting. Should you require additional information regarding occupancy permitting, please call the Borough Office at 412-823-6500. For concerns regarding Code Enforcement, please contact Joanne Baburich at 412-496-3644.

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CHALFANT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2018 BASEBALL & T-BALL REGISTRATION

Chalfant Athletic Association baseball and T-ball registration time is here! Parents of children who played last year will be sent a 2018 registration form in the mail. Returning families who have moved should contact CAA President Joleen Chiaverini with an updated address. Families who are interested in signing up for the first time, please contact Joleen at 412-215-3773 or by email at jchiaverini@msn.com and provide your address.

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 Dan Miller at dan.millercbc@gmail.com.

RECREATION COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Want to start a walking club in the park or a card club at the community center? Contact Dan Miller at dan.millercbc@gmail.com to join the Recreation Committee.

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 \$125.00 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.

JOIN THE BOROUGH CRIME WATCH

The Chalfant Borough Crime Watch Committee will hold its next meeting at 6:30 P.M. on February 5, 2018 at the Community Center. Interested residents are asked to contact Mark Swinney at mrswinney@aol.com.

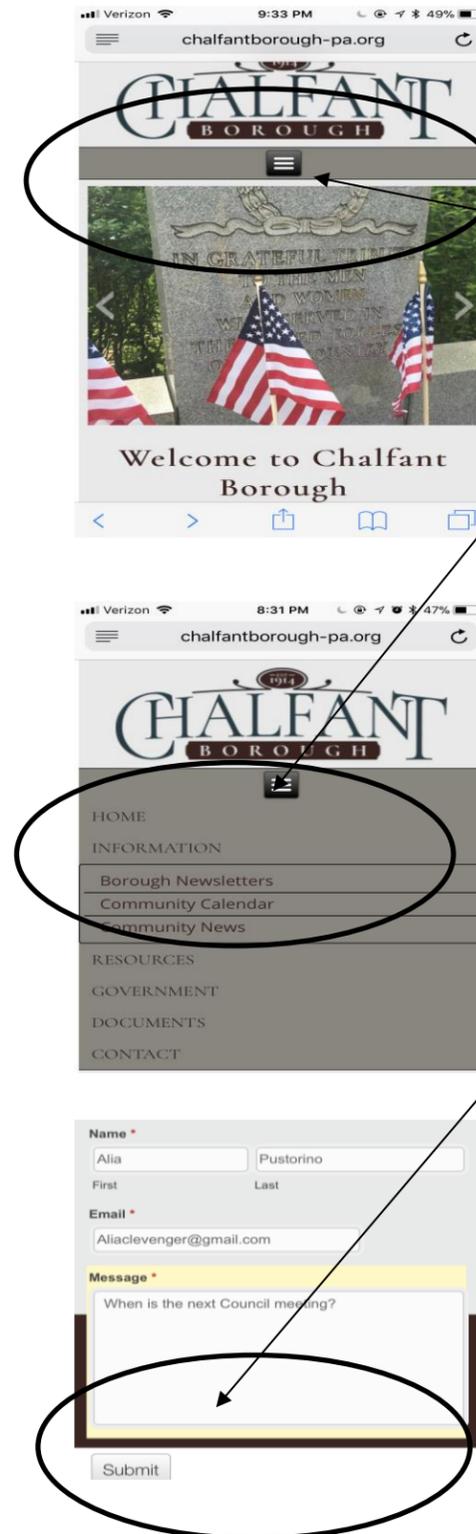
REGISTER FOR THE SWIFT REACH EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

If you are interested in receiving the Swift Reach Telephone emergency and community notifications from the Forest Hills Police Department, please contact Alia Pustorino-Clevenger at 412-823-8798 or by email at aliaclevenger@gmail.com. Please leave your name, address, and telephone number so you can be added to the system.

USING THE NEW BOROUGH WEBSITE

Residents are advised that there will be a difference in the interface looking at the new borough website on a tablet or smart phone than viewing it on a home PC.

On a computer, the menu will automatically drop down tabs for the various areas of the site, however, this does not automatically happen on a tablet or PC. For this reason, please note these visuals to assist in your successful operation of the website.



When opening the website on a tablet/smartphone, the Welcome page will automatically load with a small rectangle below the Chalfant Borough header. This acts as the tablet/smart phone menu which brings you directly to the main pages of the website.

This menu connects you to Home, Information, Resources, Government, Documents, and Contact for the Borough pages.

Click on the desired page and the tablet/smart phone interface will bring you to the main page. Again, these do not immediately enter into a dropdown menu like the PC, so click on the menu feature under each to provide access to the following pages:

Information—Borough Newsletters, Community Calendar, Community News.

Resources—Emergency Contact Numbers, Fire and Emergency Services, Trash Collection and Recycling Schedule.

Government—Borough Council, Borough Council Minutes.

Documents—Annual Report of Occupancy, Borough Code Enforcement, Borough Ordinances, Right to Know and Open Records Requests.

Contact—How to reach the Borough with questions. Please note, when submitting a contact request you MUST include name, email, and message. In order for this to process, you must hit submit.

Please note, due to the size of Ordinances they will take significant time to load and may not image correctly on a tablet or smart phone. It is advised that these are viewed on a PC.

Should you have questions on how to utilize the website or difficulties, please contact Alia M. Pustorino-Clevenger at 412-823-8798 or aliaclevenger@gmail.com.

BOROUGH MOURNS PASSING OF ROBERT BABURICH

It is with great sadness that the Borough Council shares that Borough Tax Collector Robert Baburich passed away on January 21, 2018 at age 78.

Bob was a lifelong resident of the Borough where he, like his father Anthony and sister Joanne, shared in an enthusiastic commitment to public service. In 1961, Bob was elected as the youngest Justice of the Peace in the country, and eventually came to serve as our Tax Collector for over forty (40) years.

Bob, or Butch as many of you knew him, was a 1958 graduate of Turtle Creek High School who attended Robert Morris College and graduated from the Pittsburgh Barber School.

He worked with his father in their East Pittsburgh family barber shop and later moved the shop to North Avenue, where Bob continued as a barber until his retirement in 2011.

The barber shop was known as a hub of Chalfant for local news, history, events, and discussions.

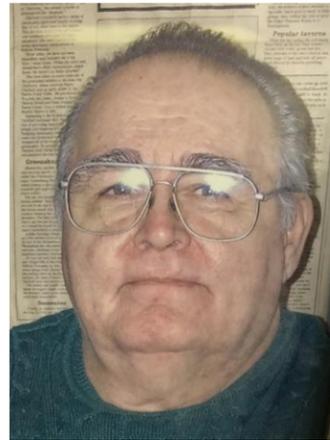
What many may not have known was Bob's ardent love of bowling and fishing.

In his many league and tournament games, Bob came to hold the distinction of a 300 game which he earned during a game at the Terrace Recreation Lanes in East Pittsburgh on January 24, 1979—a rare record during this time in bowling.

He enjoyed fishing in Canada during travels to visit his Canadian relatives, or casting a line in Galitzin State Park more locally.

Bob's fondest passion was his Croatian heritage and its music. He was a lifelong member of the Croatian Fraternal Union, Lodge # 141, and was a talented musician. Bob played all of the traditional Croatian instruments with various Croatian orchestras. With the Balkan Four, he played the Bass. Bob played the bugarija with the Novi Glas, the Nasi Tamburasi, the St. George Adult Tamburitzans, and the Penn Sembles. He was also adept at strumming the Prim and the Brac.

The Borough would be remiss to also fail to acknowledge Bob's hand in helping to continue to share our town's history in written and verbal form, some of which he shared in the Centennial Yearbook. Bob served a member of various Borough committees over the years, most recently as a member of the Centennial committee, POW/MIA Recognition Service, and also as one of the co-planners of the Borough Memorial Day Services.



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.

WHO DO I CALL?

Residents often wonder which member of Council to call for specific issues. As a general rule of thumb, these are the areas where people often need assistance:

I have a question about trash collection, who should I call? Owen Lilac handles all issues related to sanitation. He can be reached at 412-443-7453.

I want to do work on my property. Do I need a permit? Joanne Baburich handles all issues related to permits as well as ordinance issues. Joanne can be reached at 412-496-3644.

I have a question or concern about my street. Who do I call? Den Syska can be reached at 412-965-0767.

I have a question about lighting in the borough? Russ Drenning can be reached at 412-496-3514.

I have a question about the park. Dan Miller can be reached at 412-463-6113.

I have a question about the budget or am interested in including an article in the newsletter. Alia Pustorino-Clevenger can be reached at 412-823-8798.

I am interested in renting the park pavilion or the Community Center. Give Eileen Wroblewski a call to see about costs, availability, and the process at 412-277-0693.

I have a question about taxes. Please call Borough at 412-823-6500.

I need to request a no lien letter. Stephanie Schwoegl can be reached at 412-823-6500.

As always, if you are uncertain who to call, the borough office number is 412-823-6500.

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 Joann Baburich at 412-496-3644.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Chalfant Borough Office
144 Lynnwood Avenue
Chalfant Borough, PA 15112
412-823-6500 Fax: 412-229-8304

SECRETARY

Stephanie Schwoegl: *Available in office: 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

Joanne Baburich	412-496-3644
Permits & Ordinances	
Alia M. Pustorino-Clevenger	412-823-8798
Treasurer, Administration	
Russ Drenning	412-496-3514
Public Safety	
Owen Lilac	412-443-7453
Health & Sanitation	
Dan Miller	412-463-6113
Borough Property & Recreation	
Den Syska	412-965-0767
Road Department	

OTHER BOROUGH CONTACTS:

Athletic Association:	
Diane Hillen	412-823-5359
Constable: William Fisher	
Engineer: Glenn Engineering & Associates	
Community Center/Park Rentals:	
Eileen Wroblewski	412-277-0693
Ordinance Officer:	
Nick Ginter (C/O TCVCOG)	412-858-5115
Solicitor: G. N. Evashavik	
Tax Collector:	412-823-6500
Volunteer Fire Chief: Ray Wroblewski	

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

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

2018 Borough Council Meeting Dates

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