

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 2019—TENTATIVE DATE

Save the date, April 27, 2019 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.

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 aliaclevenger@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL DAY 2019

The borough will host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony Sunday, May, 26, 2019 at the North Avenue Memorial at 11:00 A.M. A light lunch will follow at the Community Center.

JOIN THE BOROUGH CRIME WATCH

The Chalfant Borough Crime Watch Committee encourages new members. To join, contact Mark Swinney at mrswinney@aol.com.

A WORD FROM COUNCIL: OFFICIAL BOROUGH COMMUNICATION METHODS

Chalfant Borough's website is a 24-7 resource to provide residents access to documents, minutes, newsletters, our community calendar, and other information: www.chalfantborough-pa.org.

The Borough has recently adopted the Savvy Citizen platform to allow emergency notifications, community updates as well as news in neighboring communities. Information about joining Savvy Citizen can be found in this newsletter.

BE A SNOW ANGEL FOR NEIGHBORS

Residents are encouraged to assist neighbors who might be elderly or disabled and unable to clear snow from their sidewalks, porches, or stoops.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FYI'S

2019 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 15, 2019**. 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. Failure to do so will result in issuance of a citation.

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.

BOROUGH CODE ENFORCEMENT: Residents are advised that the Turtle Creek Council of Governments (COG) 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.

BOROUGH MOURNS PASSING OF ROBERT HENSELL

It is with great sadness that the Borough Council shares that former Borough Council member Robert "Bob" Hensell passed away on January October 7, 2018 at the age of 63.

Those who knew Bob knew he was a lifelong resident of the Borough and also raised sons Marc and Brian (also deceased) here. Before his retirement, Bob worked at Carnegie Mellon University.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and boating. Neighbors recall Bob spending time in his hot tub, particularly during warm months and he frequently sat in front of his house waiving to cars passing by.

Bob was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Penguins, and Pirates.

In January 2014, Bob took his oath of office and represented Chalfant as a member of Council for one term. He was also a dedicated member and officer of the Wilkins Elks Lodge 577.

Bob will be missed by his friends, family, and neighbors alike.



PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER

Winter is an unpredictable time in Pittsburgh, but the Borough encourages residents to be proactive and prepare in advance of any potential storms or disruptions that can be caused by loss of utilities. As recommended by the National Weather Service and survival experts, residents should be prepared for the potential loss of heat, power, water, telephone service or shortage of supplies if not prepared. Residents are encouraged to prepare now by keeping the following supplies on hand at home:

- Flashlights, extra batteries, LED candles (alternative to traditional wax candles for safety)
- Functioning smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors (with updated batteries) and fire extinguishers graded for residential use
 - Cellular phones and chargers (to use in car should home power be lost)
- Batter powered NOAA weather radio/portable radios/GMRS/FRS handheld radios to receive emergency information
- 1 gallon water per person and pet in household. It is recommended a 3 day supply be kept in home at all times regardless of time of year
 - Non-perishable food (that does not require refrigeration or cooking should power be lost).
 - Extra medicine and/or baby supplies
 - First aid kit and supplies
- Heating fuel and emergency heating source—learn to use properly in advance and have proper ventilation
 - Salt, cat litter, or sand (to clear sidewalks)
 - Supplies for emergency repairs such as duct tape, plastic sheeting and tools
 - Full tank of gas in vehicle (to prevent freezing of gas line)

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 the park. 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 storm drains or sanitation. Evelyn Fulwood can be reached at 412-823-6500.

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 Carol Donahue at 412-824-3283.

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 Joanne 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	
Evelyn Fullwood	412-823-6500
Health & Sanitation	
Owen Lilac	412-443-7453
Borough Property & Recreation	
Den Syska	412-965-0767
Road Department	

OTHER BOROUGH CONTACTS:

Athletic Association:
Joleen Chiaverini 412-215-3773
Constable: William Fisher
Engineer: Glenn Engineering & Associates
Community Center/Park Rentals:
Eileen Wroblewski 412-277-0693
Ordinance Officer: 412-823-6500
Solicitor: G. N. Evashavik
Tax Collector: Carol Donahue 412-824-3283
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.

2019 Borough Council Meeting Dates

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