

Chalfant Borough  
144 Lynnwood Avenue  
Chalfant Borough, PA 15112



# Chalfant Borough Newsletter

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## 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](http://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. Download the app for Apple and Android phones.

## 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

**2021 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 31, 2021**. The form will be sent to residents and can be found on the Borough website.

**ORDINANCE 415 REMINDER:** Ordinance 415 requires that 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.

**DUMPSTER/BAGSTER 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.

## ADVERTISE WITH CHALFANT BOROUGH

### Already Tired of Shoveling Snow?

Next time, call or text Grace Moon at  
(412) 592-5538!

- Contactless Snow Shoveling!
- Flexible availability (contact for details)
- Driveways, sidewalks, & steps

Rate is negotiable; I am raising money for my summer 2021 camp fund!

Do you have kids in K-5 that need help with math or reading?

I am a 9<sup>th</sup> grade honors student, offering tutoring sessions via Zoom for \$10/hr.

Email inquiries to [artistgracemoon@gmail.com](mailto:artistgracemoon@gmail.com)

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CHALFANT TAX COLLECTOR

### The following is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that tax bills go to the correct address:

All new home purchases in the borough require that the new property owner inform the tax collector of the address of the mortgage holder. If there is no mortgage holder, then please provide the name and address where tax bills are to be sent.

All refinanced mortgages need to be reported as to the new mortgage holders' address.

If you change the mortgage holder, due to (EX: lower rates) you need to report the new mortgage holder and address.

When your mortgage is paid off, it is your responsibility to inform the tax collector and give an address where tax bills are to be sent.

If your property is a rental property, you must inform the tax collector of the mortgage holder and address. If there is no mortgage holder, then provide the address of the property owner. If the property owner should move, you need to notify the tax collector of the property owner's new address.

**All the above should also be reported to the Allegheny County Tax Office and your insurance company.**

Any questions regarding this notice can be directed to Carol Donahue, Chalfant Tax Collector, at 412-824-3283 or email [cadon4946@hotmail.com](mailto:cadon4946@hotmail.com). Carol can be reached Monday-Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If leaving messages during the week, she will respond no later than the next business day. Any calls received on the weekend will go to voicemail and will be answered on Monday.

## RESIDENT INFORMATION: DO NOT FEED THE DEER

Due to the significant increase in the deer population that has taken root in the Borough, the Council passed an ordinance prohibiting residents from feeding these wild animals.

This ordinance complies with the Pennsylvania Game Commission which maintains laws and recommendations against feeding any wildlife, particularly in residential communities.

There are many concerns related to deer congregating in residential spaces that include the spread of disease, potential destruction of personal property and wellbeing.

Deer are known to carry and spread diseases to domesticated animals kept as pets and humans that include:

- Lyme Disease
- Q Fever
- Leptospirosis (which causes reproductive failure, anemia, liver failure and kidney disease in all mammals)
  - Tuberculosis
  - Mange

Deer populations have also experienced increase in Chronic Wasting Disease which is still being studied for its potential to spread to other mammals.

During mating periods, deer become aggressive, which presents greater threat to residents and their pets.

Continuing to feed the deer also presents potential for these animals to be hit by moving vehicles in our neighborhood.

Residents who violate this ordinance will be subject to fines and sanctions.

If you have questions regarding the ordinance, call the Borough Office.

## 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? Derrick Royster can be reached at 412-478-8876.

I have a question about storm drains or sanitation. Evelyn Fulwood can be reached at 412-443-8375.

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  
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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  
Derrick Royster 412-478-8876

Public Safety  
Evelyn Fullwood 412-443-8375

Health & Sanitation  
Owen Lilac 412-443-7453

Borough Property & Recreation  
Den Syska 412-965-0767

Road Department

### OTHER CONTACTS:

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.**

### 2021 Borough Council Meeting Dates

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