



CHALFANT BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2025



I love Summer! There is just so much more fun in the summer. Nevermind the humidity and the bugs. So here are just a few of the many activities going on in our area from July through September (and a few in June).

The Forest Hills Farmers Market is now open at the Westinghouse Lodge parking lot. Hours are 4 to 7 on Fridays.

The Carnegie One (formerly BCLA) library and the C.C. Mellor library both have a plethora of activities all summer long. The Carnegie One is located at 416 Library St. in Braddock, phone 412-351-5356. C.C. Mellor is located at 4400 Greensburg Pike in Forest Hills, phone 412-436-2390. Call for more locations and to check out the schedules for the summer.

The RAD Summer Staycation (Allegheny Regional Asset District) is in full swing through August 31st. All you need is an

Allegheny County library card and a RAD pass reservation to enjoy FREE events all summer long. To get free tickets go to RADpass.org or for more information phone 412-277-1900.

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| June 14 | Flag Day |
| 15 | Fathers Day |
| 19 | Juneteenth |
| 20 | First day of summer |
| 29 | Forest Hills Pride Day at the Westinghouse Lodge from 4 to 9 pm. |
| July 4 | Independence Day |
| 4 | Forest Hills Community Day 8 to 6 pm
400 Braddock Rd. Forest Hills. |
| 5 | Garbage pick up |
| 9 | Council meeting 7:00 pm |
| 22 | National Hammock Day |
| August 1 | International Beer Day |
| 9 | National Garage Sale Day |
| 9 | Churchill Community Day (no info yet) |
| 13 | Council meeting 7:00 pm |
| 21 | Senior Citizens Day |
| September 1 | Labor Day |
| 6 | Garbage pick up |
| 10 | Council meeting 7:00 pm |
| 13 | National Bald is Beautiful Day |

14 Wilkins #3 Fire Spaghetti Dinner 2 to 7 pm. Eat In or Take Out. at the firehall 109 Powell St. Wilkins Twp.

Savvy Citizen will announce any additional important notices as well as the Chalfant Borough Information Page on Facebook.

UPDATE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

2025 Chalfant Borough taxes NOT paid at discount are due June 30, 2025 at the FACE amount. All payments must be postmarked by June 30, 2025. You may mail your payment or drop it off in the mail slot at the office located at 144 Lynnwood Avenue. Just a reminder: If you have paid off your home and no longer have a mortgage company, you need to do the following to insure you receive your tax bills: notify the Allegheny Real Estate office by calling 412-350-4100 and tell them you need to update your billing address. Notify the local tax collector, Carol Donahue, at 412-824-3283 or email cadon4946@hotmail.com. Notify your homeowners insurance company. This also applies if you change mortgage holders. Follow the same 3 steps. The 2025 Woodland Hills School Taxes will be mailed out on July 1, 2025. Those who have no mortgage and don't receive a bill, should call me within 10 days to have a bill mailed to you. The Woodland Hills School District millage will not be available to the tax collectors until the middle of June. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER!!

Carol A. Donahue Chalfant Tax Collector

EASTER EGG HUNT

Chalfant's second annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 12, 2025. The rain held off so we had a great turnout of about 35 children. They laughed, they cried, it was a huge success. The Easter Bunny said they would be back next year. Big thanks to Lauren Sivak, Diane Hillen, and all the dedicated people who donated their time and talent to make this event a great time.

REDD UP DAY

Chalfant Redd Up Day was held on April 26, 2025. Cheers to our devoted residents who came out to work and cleaned up 22 bags worth of trash and tires. Thanks to Joanne Bissell, Luann Orosz-Bouvier, Chad Ellis, Diane Hillen, Chad Hoover, Bob Lasser, Owen Lilac, Sally Mahon, Nancy McKeever and Isaly. Thank you Owen for the coffee and snacks!

GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES

The Borough's regular pick up day for garbage is Friday with a few exceptions during the year (see Calendar of Events). To keep litter from blowing out of cans please use a bag in your can and empty loose garbage in the bag. The guys on the truck will take the whole bag and hopefully alleviate the majority of litter that ends up circling Chalfant on collection day. Loose garbage will not be collected as well as electronics.

Our recycling cans are located in the parking lot of the Chalfant Firehouse on Rossmore. The items to recycle are plastic 1-5 & 7, glass bottles and jars (all colors), metal cans (please flatten) and

cardboard (also flatten). Cardboard boxes should be used to accommodate any overflow of recyclables. KITCHEN TRASH BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE! Empty them and throw them in your household garbage. In addition Chalfant does NOT recycle televisions, appliances, or electronics of any kind. Tires are also banned from the bins. Recycling bins are emptied after the trash is picked up in the Borough.

CRIME WATCH/MISCELLANEOUS

Lock your cars Chalfant! Let the Police know if you see any shady characters nosing around your neighbor's car or house or the park. There is a 9:45 curfew for minors under 18 years (some exceptions apply). Our lovely park is open from dawn to dusk. Three of man's best friends are prohibited in the park: dogs, alcohol and BBQ grills. Residents will have to celebrate the 4th of July without setting off fireworks or recklessly discharging (firing in the air) firearms. Also our noise ordinance covers the time period between 7 am and 10 pm. Continuously barking, crying or yelping dogs are considered a nuisance and owners may be subjected to fines. The Borough Ordinances can be found at chalfantborough-pa.org under the header Borough Documents then drop down to Borough Ordinances. There is a lot of information on this site including a list of road work scheduled for this summer and the complete list of trash collection days as well as the minutes from the Borough Council Meetings. And as always.....SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Call 911 and let the Police address your suspicions.



Hands down the biggest picnic day of the year is the Fourth of July (Independence Day). The staples of any picnic are hot dogs, hamburgers and corn on the cob. Here are a few of my favorite recipes to liven up the menu!

CHILI DIP

- 1 - 8 oz cream cheese (softened)**
- 1 - 10.5 oz can Hormel Chili (no beans)**
- 6 oz shredded Cheddar cheese**

Mix thoroughly, heat in the microwave and serve with tortilla chips.

BAKED 3 BEAN CASSEROLE

- ½ lb. Bacon, chopped**
- 1 lb. ground beef (or ½ lb beef and ½ lb sausage)**
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped**
- 1-28 oz. can pork and beans**
- 1-20 oz. can light red kidney beans, drained and rinsed**
- 1-20 oz. can butter beans drained and rinsed**
- ½ cup light brown sugar**
- ½ cup ketchup**
- 1 Tbsp. yellow mustard**
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce**

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a Dutch oven or large pot, over medium-high heat, cook bacon until crisp. Remove from pot with a slotted spoon to a paper towel-lined plate. Remove all but 2 Tbsps of bacon fat from pot. Add ground meat and onion and cook over medium-high heat until meat is no longer pink. Drain fat. Add all other ingredients and the cooked bacon to the pot. Mix well. Bake for 35 minutes. Serves 6 people. Easily doubled.

STRAWBERRY PRETZEL SALAD

2 cups crushed, salted pretzels

¾ cup butter, melted

3 - Tbsps sugar (for crust)

1 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened

1 - 8 oz. container whipped topping

1 - cup sugar

1 - 6 oz. pkg. Strawberry gelatin

2 - cups boiling water

2 - 10 oz pkgs. sliced frozen strawberries or 1 lb. fresh, sliced.

Mix crushed pretzels, butter and 3 Tbsps sugar together and press into a 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 8 minutes. Cool completely. Combine cream cheese, whipped topping and rest of sugar. Mix well. Spread on cooled crust **LEAVING NO GAPS AROUND EDGE. Mix gelatin with water, then add berries. Stir until gelatin starts to thicken and berries soften. Gently pour or spread mixture on top of cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until solid.**

ENJOY!

IN ADDITION

FYI Council is planning to sponsor “Movie Night In The Park” this summer. Look for signs and information on social media as to date and time.

FYI This week in the mail look for the 2025 Annual Report of Occupancy. Just to be on the up and up, I will be reporting a few new occupants at my house this spring:

Finches in my Fake Ferns

Robins in my Rain gutters

Fawns in my Flowerbed

Raccoons in my Rubbish

&

Groundhogs in my Garden

Seriously though, it is an important document to be filled out every year. The size of our population is important for many reasons. EMS, Fire and Police need to know how many people reside in your home in case of emergency. The size of a small borough population significantly influences its economy, public services, and ultimately the quality of life of each individual living there. Knowing this is essential for infrastructure planning and allocating resources to ensure a borough's sustainability. So do yourself a favor and fill out your form and return it to the Borough office by July 15, 2025. Thank you.

SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!!

