




# Chalfont Borough Lamplighter

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A photograph of a park with many trees showing autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and brown. A path leads through the trees towards a small bridge in the distance.

**Twin Streams Park**

## 101 North Main Street Project

### **Chalfont Borough Monthly Meetings**

Council—2nd Tuesday

Planning—3rd Monday

HARB—1st Monday

Zoning Hearing Board—4th Wednesday

**All meetings are held @ 7:00pm in  
Chalfont Borough Hall**

### **Chalfont Borough Officials**

Mayor Brian D. Wallace

John R. Engel, Council President

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Sandra B. Zadell, Borough Manager

What is happening at 101 North Main Street? Well, Chalfont Borough has a project underway to revitalize 101 North Main Street, affectionately known as “the Old Firehouse”.

Demolition has begun to remove a portion of the old firehouse. Once that is completed, construction will begin to renovate the original building in preparation for Owowcow Creamery! Owowcow Creamery uses locally sourced ingredients to hand craft their all natural and organic ice cream into creative flavor combinations such as garden berries, rosewater cardamom, blood orange raspberry, and pumpkin caramel pecan.

In addition to having Owowcow Creamery utilize the original building, a public parking lot will be repaved to include 43 public parking spaces. SEPTA will continue leasing 20 parking spaces for commuters using the train workdays, Monday through Friday.

Once the project is complete, residents will have a place to be able to park and walk to the local eateries like Borghi's, Chalfont Family Restaurant, Leonardo's Pizza, Manhatten Bagel, and Owowcow Creamery!

The entire process is projected to last through the end of 2018. The parking lot will be unavailable to the public during this time.





101 North Main Street photo by: Fernando Garcia-Esteban

#### **Bird Town Update – Trish Harrington**

You may have seen the new Bird Town signs on Butler Pike and near Borough Hall – we are officially a PA Audubon Bird Town!

One of the main goals of Bird Town is the creation and restoration of habitat by using native plants. Natives are important sources of food for many birds. For instance, by planting an oak tree, you are providing habitat for 557 types of butterflies and moths. (It takes between 6,000 and 9,000 caterpillars to raise one brood of chickadees). Most of our local big box stores do not carry many native plants. You might find

Japanese Honeysuckle, but not the native - *Lonicera Sempervirens* or Scarlet Honeysuckle. In most cases you must go to a native plant nursery – there are several in the area.

We have created a committee of people who get together and share ideas of Chalfont and what we can do to beautify and improve our public spaces. We have planted a garden at 152 & Butler Pike which we have named “the Butler Garden”. Some of the plants include Winterberry Holly, a deciduous form of holly that bear berries which are beneficial for migrating birds; Milkweed

(for Monarch Butterflies), and other good pollinator magnets such as Sundrops, Joe Pye Weed, Purple Coneflowers and Black Eyed Susan. There is also *Rudbeckia Triloba*, a shrubby Brown Eyed Susan, along with some Lavender Monarda or Native Bee Balm. These plants are pretty tough, can withstand drought and are not deer favorites. We have added birdhouses to Twin Streams Park; Children at Unami Middle School have recently made additional bluebird houses to be installed soon. We have had one stream/ watershed clean-up day and hope to have one every spring. (We picked





### **From the Borough Office .....**

- Trash and recyclables (cardboard, newspaper, magazines, mail, food boxes and cans, beverage cans, plastic bottles and caps #1-7) should be placed curbside on Thursday evening for pickup on Friday morning. Trash trucks may come as early as 6:00am.
- The benefit of a trash contract is that the Borough can be your advocate! Please contact us if you are having any customer service issues.

### **From Public Works .....**

- Street sweeping will begin in the Borough. Please make sure your mailbox is back beyond the curb line. Trim trees & shrubs back.
- When mowing, it is a violation to throw or sweep grass clippings into the street.
- Christmas Tree information: Advanced Disposal will have curbside pickup for Christmas Trees on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

### **Chalfont Fire Company Events**

Turkey Hoagies Saturday 09/08/2018  
9am-12:30pm  
Buffet Breakfast Sunday 09/23/2018  
8am-noon  
Fire Prevention Open House Thursday  
10/11/2018 7pm-9pm  
Craft Show Saturday 10/27/2018  
9:30am-2:30pm  
Community Christmas Sing (Santa &  
Mrs. Claus arrive by Fire Truck) Sun-  
day 11/25/2018 4pm

### **It's Scarecrow time again!**

We will provide frames, bags for heads, and straw for stuffing - you provide the creativity!

Pick up your supplies at Borough Hall October 6th-8th and return your finished scarecrow any time on October 13th-14th.

Our Public Works Department will install the scarecrows on the street light poles on North Main Street and Butler Avenue in time for Halloween.

Place your order for frames and heads between 9/29-9/30 by email to [mbeckr@verizon.net](mailto:mbeckr@verizon.net) or call 215-822-3857. If you have any questions, please call the Borough office at 215-822-7295.

up a great deal of litter - even an old bicycle). We have had 4 bird walks and hope to resume walking again soon, in time for the fall migration. This year during Spring migration, we counted 42 species of birds in Twin Streams Park in just one afternoon. We saw several Blackpoll warblers, which are a long-distance migrant (nests as far as Alaska and Canada and winters in Northern South America and weighs as little as an empty soda can). We also spotted our regular summer residents such as the Baltimore Oriole, Red Winged Blackbirds and the Eastern Bluebirds.

We hope to expand the amount of native plants you see in our local parks and encourage others to plant native. The power of Bird Town comes from residents taking action in their own landscape, by planting natives and eliminating the use of pesticides on their properties. If you would like further information on native plants, you can visit [pa.audubon.org/birds/bird-town](http://pa.audubon.org/birds/bird-town) where there are many resources available. If you would like to be involved in our local Bird Town Committee, or just be on the list to volunteer your time, please contact Sandra Zadell at [Szadell@Chalfontborough.com](mailto:Szadell@Chalfontborough.com) or Trish Harrington at [Trishah620@gmail.com](mailto:Trishah620@gmail.com)







### **Central Bucks Regional Police**

The Central Bucks Regional Police Department (CBRPD) is pleased to announce the establishment of a new K-9 Unit anticipated to be early 2019. Thanks to the Central Bucks Regional Police Foundation, funds are currently being raised to cover the start-up costs for this highly valuable resource.

The need for a K-9 Unit is dire as there are no K-9 police service dogs in all of the Central Bucks region. When the police department needs the assistance of a K-9, they are subject to long waiting periods from outside the region for assistance. This lag time jeopardizes the ability to capture criminals, locate drugs and assist in finding missing per-

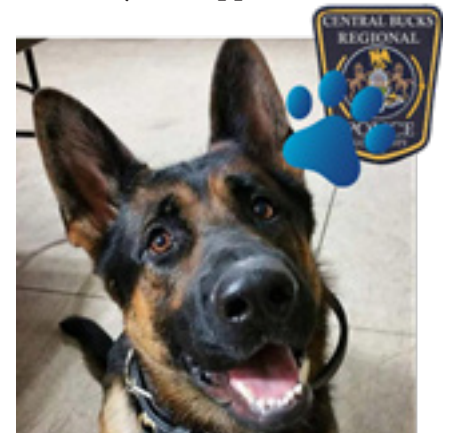
sons; all crucial to the public safety of residents, visitors and business owners in the Boroughs of Chalfont, Doylestown and New Britain.

With the addition of a trained and nationally certified Narcotics police service dog, the K-9 will be able to assist officers in “real time” active investigations including vehicle/building searches, criminal apprehension/tracking, locate missing persons, handler protection, and also educational programs that help build community relations.

CBRPD needs your support! Please consider making a donation. Donations can be made by check payable to the Central Bucks Regional Police

Foundation, Inc. or by clicking on “Make a Donation” through PayPal at the Police Foundation website [www.cbrpolicefoundation.com](http://www.cbrpolicefoundation.com). Donations are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Thank you - CBRPD cannot do this without your support!



## Ways to Stay Green When the Leaves are Changing

### Ideas for preparing for winter in an environmentally friendly way!

Fall is the time of year when school starts back up and the leaves begin to fall. As you are working outside and enjoying the cooler weather, remember these tips to protect our environment and water.

#### Harvest fallen leaves

- There are many sources of stormwater pollution unique to autumn, and we need your help to control them. The leaves are falling, and their improper disposal poses a threat to our water resources. Leaf litter and any yard waste dumped into a stormwater basin or near a waterway can cause harmful nutrient accumulation. Leaves swept into the street can easily enter storm drains and make their way into the nearest creek as well.
- Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile and never in the street or stream! You can shred yard and leaf waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden.

#### Aerate and overseed your lawn

- Aerating your lawn is an important, yet commonly overlooked, lawn maintenance task. Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots. This helps the roots grow deeply and produce a stronger, more vigorous lawn. It also reduces soil compaction and restores your lawns natural draining ability resulting in less runoff to our streams.

- The practice of overseeding lawns is really nothing more than spreading grass seed over an existing lawn. Particular attention should be paid to bare areas. With fall germination, the young grass will have two or three months to become better established before temperatures drop too low and growth stops. Next spring, the young plants will have another few months to develop deeper roots before the summer heat sets in. A full, healthy lawn helps to prevent erosion and also reduces runoff.

A little extra caution while you keep up with your fall to-do list can make a big difference for the health

of our environment, and we thank you for cooperating with this effort. To report an illicit discharge to the stormwater collection system, stream, creek or river, please call 215-822-7295.

#### Fall Leaf Collection dates:

October 27, 2018

November 10, 2018

December 1, 2018

Leaves for recycling should be placed in biodegradable leaf bags and placed curbside the night before pickup. No twigs, tied or placed in bag with leaves, will be picked up on leaf pickup days.

There will be a dumpster behind Borough Hall, 40 North Main Street, from Thursday, 11/8-11/19 or until filled. This 30-yard dumpster is for residents to use for yard waste disposal. Examples of yard waste are: grass clippings, brush or branches not to exceed 4-feet in length.

**PLEASE NOTE: no plastic bags; do not fill over the top of the dumpster; do not leave anything around the dumpster - if it does not fit, you must take it with you!**





# Chalfont Borough 5K and



## Fireworks



Another successful Chalfont Challenge 5K Race was held on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Special thanks to Rep. Katharine M. Watson for being our honorary race starter. Rep. Watson has served the 144<sup>th</sup> Legislative District since being elected to office in 2000. Her years of service to our community have been greatly appreciated!

Thanks to Byers Choice, Forest Park Water, and Keystone Municipal Services for being Platinum and Gold Sponsors this year!



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Chal-Brit Emergency Medical Services 215-822-1308  
Chalfont New Britain Joint Sewer Authority - 215-345-1225  
Keystone Collections Group - 724-978-0300  
PennDOT Highway Maintenance - 215-345-6060

AQUA PA - 800-711-4779  
Central Bucks Regional Police - 215-345-4143  
Chalfont Fire Company - 215-822-9685  
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Pot Hole Reporting - 800-349-7623  
School Tax Collector - 215-822-2930

Bucks County Recycling Program: <http://www.buckscounty.org/government/CommunityServices/Planning-Commission/Recycling> or go to [www.chalfontborough.com/forms](http://www.chalfontborough.com/forms) and look for the Hazardous Waste Schedule.

Chalfont Borough's parking ordinance prohibits parking on the street between the hours of 1:00am-6:00am.

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