



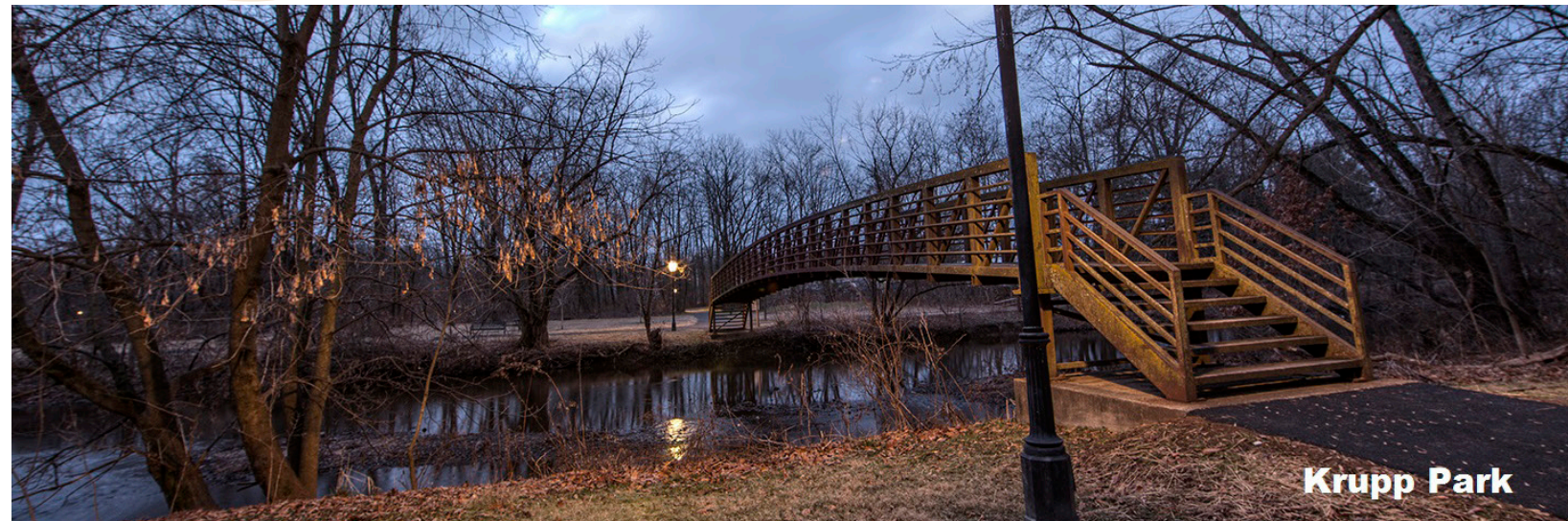
# Chalfont Borough Lamplighter

40 North Main Street, Chalfont, PA  
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Winter 2019



**Krupp Park**

## Parking in Chalfont Borough

### Chalfont Borough Monthly Meetings

Council—2nd Tuesday

Planning—4th Monday

HARB—1st Monday

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

### Chalfont Borough Officials

Mayor Brian Wallace

John R. Engel, Council President

John Abbott, Vice President

Tracey Bowen

Jeffrey Coddington

Mark Glidden

Michael Kelly

Marilyn H. Jacobson

Sandra B. Zadell, Borough Manager

On street parking is prohibited in most neighborhoods in Chalfont Borough between the hours of 1:00am-6:00am. If you are parked on Borough roads during that time you may get ticketed. Parking tickets are \$25.00. Residents are reminded that they should inform guests and make parking arrangements to avoid receiving a parking ticket.

If you have a TEMPORARY issue and need to park on the street (construction on your home, out of town guests, etc) please call the Central Bucks Regional Police Department at 215-345-4143 and they will note the exception. If it is after hours, call the Bucks County Dispatch at 215-348-4680. This exemption is for temporary issues only, it can't be used for regular occurrences (i.e. parking a work truck there once per week, kids home from college, etc).

Parking in borough parking lots adjacent to park and recreation facilities with the exception of the parking lot at 40 North Main Street, shall be prohibited between the hours of 1:00am-6:00am. We have a problem with residents parking vehicles overnight in Borough Parks, specifically Chestnut Street Park. Please be advised that any vehicles found in the lot overnight will be ticketed.

All Borough streets are designated as snow emergency routes. This means you must not park on Borough Streets during snow events. In order for us to plow effectively we need to plow curb to curb. The fine for violating parking prohibitions in snow emergency routes is \$200.00. Thank you.





## 101 North Main Street

### **Tax Information**

County and Borough Municipal Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed the end of February. If you do not received your bill or have recently moved, please contact the tax office at 215-822-7295 to update your mailing address.

If your taxes are escrowed, forward one portion of your bill to your mortgage company and keep a portion for your records. The discount period ends April 30, the base amount is due by June 30. Payments can be made by mail or in person at Borough Hall, 40 North Main Street.

If you pay your bill by mail and would like a receipt, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

Your Earned Income Tax return is due by April 15. You can e-file on Keystone Collections Group's secure website at [www.KeystoneCollects.com](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com). Taxpayer support is also available on this site, or call Keystone's Taxpayer Helpline at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent.

### **School Taxes**

School Taxes are mailed to property owners on July 1st. If you do not receive them or have questions, please contact Nicole Percetti at 215-822-2930.

Please make checks payable to: Central Bucks School District or CBSD. Mail payments to 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

To take advantage of the discount, payments must be postmarked by August 31. Otherwise the base payment if due October 31.





# 2019 Chalfont 5K Challenge will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019

Register at <https://bucks5kseries.com>

## Burning in the Borough

No person shall ignite a fire for the purpose of destruction of solid waste, yard waste, or recyclables.

The burning of garbage, rubber, leather, plastics, paints, grease, oil and other petroleum products is strictly prohibited.

Recreational fires are permitted but must be attended to at all times and controlled so as not to interfere with the welfare or comfort of other persons in the community and their right to enjoy their property, free and clear of smoke nuisance.

Recreational fires should have a base no wider than 30-inches, have fuel stacked no more than 20-inches high, and must be extinguished by midnight.

## 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.

- Parking: there is no parking allowed on borough streets between the hours of 1:00am-6:00am.
- The Borough will be closed the following dates in 2019: 1/1; 1/21; 2/18; 4/19; 5/27; 7/4; 7/5; 9/2; 11/11; 11/28; 11/29; and 12/25.

## From Public Works .....

- Be sure to remove cars from the streets during snowfall and remove snow from vehicle rooftops.
- Residents are advised to keep fire hydrants on or near their property clear and accessible at all times.
- Clear sidewalks, the full width of the sidewalk, down to the pavement.
- Do not throw or plow snow onto Borough Streets. Pile snow you clear, into your own yard.

## Chalfont Fire Company Events

Interested in volunteering? Attend a Volunteer Information Session on Saturday 1/19/2019 7:00pm.

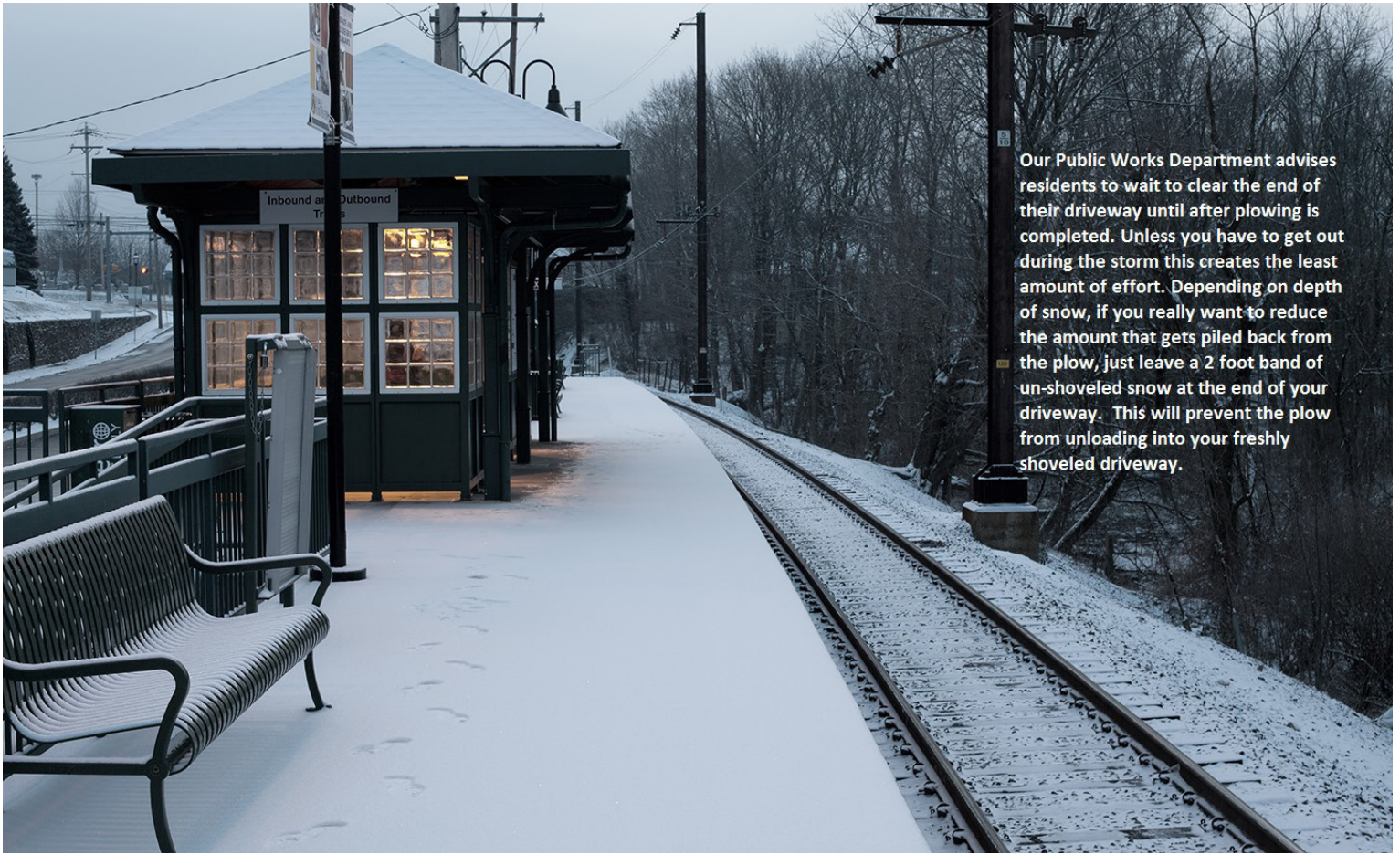
Soup, Chili, Used Book & Rummage Sale, Saturday 01/19/2019 9am-12pm

Soup, Chili, Used Book & Rummage Sale, Saturday 03/16/2019 9am-12pm

Buffet Breakfast, Sunday 04/28/2019 8am-noon

Turkey Hoagies, Saturday 05/11/2019 9am-12:30pm





Our Public Works Department advises residents to wait to clear the end of their driveway until after plowing is completed. Unless you have to get out during the storm this creates the least amount of effort. Depending on depth of snow, if you really want to reduce the amount that gets piled back from the plow, just leave a 2 foot band of un-shoveled snow at the end of your driveway. This will prevent the plow from unloading into your freshly shoveled driveway.

## Winter Reminders...

Property owners are required to clear their sidewalks within 12 hours of an ice or snow event. Excessive ice must be treated with sand or an abrasive material substance for safe pedestrian travel. Do not throw or plow snow onto borough streets.

Keep all portable basketball hoops and trash cans out of the street so that they do not interfere with snow plowing or street sweeping, which continues year 'round, weather permitting.

Please place warning markers where snow plows might damage your yard or curb.

Do not allow children to build snow

forts in the street. The results could be tragic.

Call PennDOT at 215-345-6060 with any issues concerning state roads within the borough: Bristol Road, Butler Avenue, North Main Street, Park Avenue, South Limekiln, and Sunset Avenue.

We know that residents hate the "windrows" (those long piles of snow on each side of the road) that plows leave behind, and that often bury freshly shoveled sidewalks and driveway aprons. Every year we receive calls from angry residents that the plow has "plowed their driveway shut".

Unfortunately, the reality is that

these "windrows" are an unavoidable part of plowing. You can reduce the amount of snow that ends up in a windrow in front of your drive or on you sidewalk by clearing a portion of the roadway prior to your driveway. Shoveling an area prior to your driveway will allow the plow to unload snow before getting to your driveway.

Please be patient and courteous to crews. They are working long hours doing a difficult job with the goal of getting you out and about as soon as practical.

All vehicles must be off of the street for the duration of snowfall.

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

Below are some tips to help the Borough improve the water quality in our streams, lakes and rivers:

Shovel early. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be.

More salt does not mean more melting. Apply appropriately, salt takes time to work.

Fifteen degrees Fahrenheit is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use a traction agent as needed, but remember they do not melt ice.

Sweep up excess. Salt or sand on dry pavement is no longer doing any work, sweep it up before it is washed away.

Try an alternative for traction. Sand and kitty litter are effective but can clog sewers and degrade stream habitat when washed away. Cracked corn can be an alternative to try that is more environmentally friendly.

Understand what's in it. All de-icers

will melt the ice but some have less of an impact on the environment. Instead of sodium chloride or calcium chloride use products containing an acetate, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride.

To report an illicit discharge to the storm water collection system or to a stream, creek or river, call Chalfont Borough at 215-822-7295.

### **Chalfont Fire Company Comfort Station**

Chalfont Fire Hall will serve as a Comfort Station in times of emergency power outages.

The Chalfont Fire Station, located at 301 North Main Street, Chalfont, will open on a case by case basis as a comfort station for residents of New Britain Township, Chalfont Borough, New Britain Borough, and Doylestown Township during emergencies.

Chalfont Borough will post on its website and social media when the comfort station is activated and opened. This will usually occur when the power has been out or

is expected to be out for over four hours. In the event that you need to visit a comfort station, please remember the following:

- pets are not allowed (with the exception of service dogs)
- remember to bring your own supplies (blankets, medication, food, etc.)
- food, beverages, and overnight lodging cannot be provided; however, microwaves, stoves, refrigerators, and coffee makers are available for use
- the comfort station is not a 24-hour shelter. It will not be open overnight. Hours of operations will typically be from 7:00am or 8:00am to 5:00pm or 6:00pm.

Residents with disabilities and senior citizens needing assistance in an emergency are urged to register with the police department.

Please call 215-345-4143 during business hours to put your contact information on their list so an officer can check in on you during an emergency.





# From the Borough Manager...



2018 was a year of so many projects in Chalfont. We are so proud of the work to restore and rehabilitate 101 N. Main Street into a public parking lot and commercial space which we will rent to our tenant Owowcow. The design work inside and outside of the building was a labor of love done with the owner and manager of Owowcow and our Facilities Committee team. We really feel we have honored the original building, which in the past served as our Borough Hall, Post office, Fire department and more! Owowcow will be opening April 1st and we can't wait to have such a great new business join our Borough Core. This project is at the heart of our revitalization efforts. Public parking is very important in a Borough so that people can come, park and walk around our town to visit our existing businesses and get boots on the street. This has long since fit with Borough Council's vision outlined in our 2013 TOD plan.

We also landed two very exciting grants this year. One is for a shared parking consolidation plan along N. Main Street. This project is a feasibility study to see if we could plan for better parking, and help reduce traffic by eliminating curb cuts along N. Main street and expanding parking for the properties in the effected area. Property owners will be a big part of the planning process. Our second grant is for an amazing new playground at Chestnut Street park. The playground will be ADA accessible, and feature play zones for toddlers as well as older kids. The best part is the play surface will be poured in place, which replaces traditional mulch and is great for small kids and accessibility.

Happy New Year to all of our residents, and remember my door is always open. Make an appointment and come by any time to ask questions, get informed or just introduce yourself.

Sandra Zadell  
Borough Manager

## Chalfont Borough Hometown Heroes Banners 2019 - 2020

The Chalfont Borough Hometown Heroes Banner Program is a living tribute created for the community to recognize and honor our Veterans who are serving or are veterans who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces.

To qualify, a Veteran, living or deceased, must have had a connection to the Borough of Chalfont. They must reside in Chalfont Borough, or the person purchasing the Banner must reside in Chalfont Borough.



The Banner will be 24" x 48" heavy vinyl, printed the same on both sides, and will display the service person's photograph, include their full name, branch of the Military and the era of service (WWI, WWII, Vietnam, etc.) Banners will be displayed from May through Veterans Day in November in observance of all Military Branch birthdays. Banners will be removed and stored until the same period in the following year at which time they will be redisplayed until November 2020....The 2019 - 2020 Banners will then be returned to the applicant.

Each Banner requires the Hometown Hero Form to be filled out, a photograph of the Hero in uniform and a payment of \$150.00 for each banner, payable to: Hometown Heroes

For further information please contact Anne Henning Scheuring, 225 South Line Street, Lansdale, PA. 19446 or at E-Mail address: [heroes@verizon.net](mailto:heroes@verizon.net) or call: (215) 855-1743

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### Important Phone Numbers

Advanced Disposal - 610-440-3700	AQUA PA - 800-711-4779
Central Bucks School District - 267-893-2000	Central Bucks Regional Police - 215-345-4143
Chal-Brit Emergency Medical Services 215-822-1308	Chalfont Fire Company - 215-822-9685
Chalfont New Britain Joint Sewer Authority - 215-345-1225	Chalfont Post Office - 215-822-0659
Keystone Collections Group - 724-978-0300	PECO Emergency - 800-841-4141
PennDOT Highway Maintenance - 215-345-6060	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

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