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2023 CHALFONT CHALLENGE 5K

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- **AQUA PA** (Chalfont Borough's water service provider): 877-987-2782
- **Borough (Municipal) & County Tax Collector:** Barbara Klingerman for Chalfont Borough, 215-822-7295
 - **School Tax Collector (CBSD):** Nicole Percetti for Central Bucks School District, 215-822-2930
- **Central Bucks Regional Police Department (CBRPD) administrative office:** 215-345-4143
- **CBRPD Dispatch** (Call to report non-emergency situations requiring an officer during or after normal business hours.): 215-328-8511
- **Central Bucks School District** (main number): 267-893-2000
- **Chal-Brit Emergency Medical Services** (non-emergency number): 215-822-1308
- **Chalfont Fire Company** (non-emergency number): 215-822-9685
- **Emergencies: 9-1-1**
- **Chalfont New Britain Joint Sewer Authority:** 215-345-1225
- **Chalfont Post Office:** 215-822-0659
- **Keystone Collections Group:** Earned Income Tax and E-File, 888-328-0565; all other inquiries, 724-978-0300
- **PECO Emergency Line:** 800-841-4141
- **PennDOT pothole reporting for State-owned roads:** Bristol Road, Butler Avenue, Limekiln Pike South, N. Main St., Park Avenue, Sunset Avenue; call 800-349-7623; (Borough has no maintenance control over State-owned roads.)
- **PennDOT Highway Maintenance District 6-1** (urgent issues on local State-owned roads): 215-345-6060
- **Republic Services** (Borough's newly contracted residential trash & recycling service provider): 215-723-0400

Bucks County Recycling Program: <https://www.buckscounty.gov/recycling>



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With the help of approximately 100 volunteers, the 31st running of the Chalfont Challenge 5K took place on June 3, 2023. Runners of all ages came out early on a sunny and beautiful summer morning and participated in this annual community event. This year there were 304 Chalfont Challenge 5K registrants with 246 actual runners, and there were also 25 who registered for the one-mile Fun Run. The Chalfont Challenge 5K is part of the Bucks 5K Series of races and takes months of preparation by dedicated volunteers. The Chalfont 5K is planned and organized through longtime race director (and Borough Council Member), Marilyn Jacobson, who has volunteered countless hours over the years to the Bucks 5K Series. We'd like to thank Marilyn for all of her hard work and many years of service to the Series and to Chalfont Borough!

There are many other generous volunteers who lend their time and talents to this worthwhile and exciting community event year after year; safety director, John Abbott; trumpet player, Skip Schanbacher; snack tent organizer (and Council Vice President), Tracey Bowen; logo and poster designer, Martha Garner; water station organizer, George Wozar (with the help of two scout

troops each year), and the young community members at the Bucks County IU Life Skills Program (based in Perkasio) who are responsible for baking the delicious cookies every year. We are grateful to Borough staff for their efforts, as well as members of Central Bucks Regional Police Department and Chalfont Fire Company for keeping this event as safe and enjoyable as possible.

At the July council meeting Marilyn Jacobson noted that 31 years ago the 5K's initial focus was for the benefit of bringing the community together with an emphasis on fitness, and it has evolved over the years to now also benefit the parks and trails in our beautiful Borough. Proceeds from this event over the years have enabled the

Borough to purchase the land for Twin Streams Park, new playground equipment at Chestnut Street Park, and have helped pay for new additions to the trail system, and all still foster the same initiative of community togetherness with a focus on fitness. Since 2006 this event has raised a little more than \$300,000 for the parks and trail system in Chalfont Borough and we couldn't do that without the amazing and generous sponsors of this event, and we'd like to highlight them on page 6. (cont'd on pg.6)



CHALFONT BOROUGH'S HISTORIC DISTRICT

Chalfont was originally a farming community and at one point existed as part of New Britain Township. In 1901 "Chalfont" was created as a Borough.

Chalfont Borough is on the National Historic District Register and has a historic district which encompasses a wide range of different architectural styled buildings. This district was created in the late 1990's and involves a large portion of North Main Street, which has a wonderful group of interesting houses.

There are other houses that exist outside the designated historic area in the Borough, but because they stand alone are not included in the historic district. They are valued also. The houses are of different styles and periods, just as our residents' backgrounds are all different, and this wonderful diversity adds to the benefit of living in Chalfont. Chalfont also has a number of houses designed by A. Oscar Martin, a noted local architect, and Doylestown has quite a few Martin buildings as well.



Chalfont at one time was awarded a grant to do a survey of the houses in the Borough. This survey mentions building dates and architectural styles. House pictures are included and this survey is readily available in the Borough office for viewing along with walking tour information.

When the Borough's 100th birthday was celebrated in 2001, a community walking tour was held with two host guides who were dressed in period attire. The hosts stopped at featured places along the tour and spoke about the history of each property. Another part of the celebration was providing a



council reenactment at 40 N. Main Street. This included period dress, candles and entertainment as the council proceeded through the agenda for the evening.

There will be future articles in which building styles will be discussed, but in the meantime feel free to download a walking tour guide from the Borough's website (type "walking tour" into the search bar) and take a walk on our interesting North Main Street, making note of window trim and other details of that building's construction. ✎

Article content submitted by HARB Member, Marilyn Becker.

2023 HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE



Remaining 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Sponsored by Bucks County

Note: Event take place from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Rain or Shine

• **October 28, 2023, at Strayer Middle School
1200 Ronald Reagan Dr., Quakertown**

Some things you can't bring to these events: NO ELECTRONICS-TV's-Computers-Cell Phones-or Any Corded Devices
NO LATEX PAINT-Non-Hazardous Waste/Water-based* (open lid, allow to dry, throw out in regular trash)
NO Appliances-(with or without Freon) No Asbestos, NO Explosives or Ammunition, NO Gas Cylinders
NO Household Batteries-(Regular Alkaline) NO Medical Waste NO Prescription Drugs
NO PCBs or Pressurized CFCs and NO Freon NO Propane Tanks-(Greater than 16 oz.)
NO Smoke Detectors NO Radioactive Waste NO Tires NO Unidentified Waste

For a complete list of accepted/unaccepted items for collection (flyer) and FAQs, visit:
<https://www.buckscounty.gov/recycling>



JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM



Chalfont Borough participates in the Junior Council Person (JCP) Program through the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs. The JCP Program provides youth in our community with an opportunity to engage in borough government

and develop leadership skills through engagement in council matters. This program allows borough officials to serve as mentors to students who will be future leaders in their communities. A JCP Program gives high school and college students the opportunity to learn critical skills including team building and collaboration, public speaking, public engagement, budgeting, and running effective meetings. It also gives the student the opportunity to deliberate on issues that are affecting his or her community.

Interested students should write a letter addressed to Chalfont Borough Council outlining their course of study, general interests and why they would like to be a JCP. Please also include your phone number and email address. Borough staff would then get in touch with the applicant for further discussion to see if this program would be a good fit. Please mail correspondence to:

Chalfont Borough, c/o Borough Secretary
40 N. Main Street
Chalfont, PA 18914 ✎

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Chalfont Borough Council meetings take place on the 2nd TUESDAY of each month at Borough Hall, 40 N. Main Street in Chalfont @ 7:00 PM.

Up-to-date meeting notifications can be found by visiting the Borough's

Website: www.chalfontborough.com

"X" (formerly Twitter): twitter.com/chalfontborough

Facebook: facebook.com/chalfontborough

Agendas are posted on the Borough's website, social media platforms, and on the front door of Borough Hall 24 hours in advance of each meeting. If you would like to participate in a meeting, everyone is welcome to attend in person. If you can't attend, public comments for council can be phoned in to 215-822-7295, or emailed to info@chalfontborough.com up until 12:00 PM the day of the meeting.

Approved past meeting minutes are archived online on the Borough's website through ECode. Go to www.chalfontborough.com, at the top select *Online Services*, then select *Borough Code*. On the left hand side you will see a menu of "Public Documents" to choose from.

Call the Borough's administration office at 215-822-7295, Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with any comments or questions. ✎

FALL STORMWATER TIPS

CONTENT PROVIDED BY CKS ENGINEERS

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.

Leaf Litter and Yard Waste

- Leaf litter and any yard waste can cause harmful nutrient accumulation in nearby waterways.
- Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile or use for mulch or fertilizer.
- Do not rake leaves into storm drains, streets or waterways.

Grass Clippings

Do not mow, blow or rake grass clippings into the street. Blow them back up onto your property from the street and/or rake and bag them to be used for compost or to put out with your weekly trash. Grass clippings are prohibited from being blown or mowed into the street because they directly enter the storm sewer drains in our streets, which empty UNTREATED and UNFILTERED directly into our streams, creeks and waterways. Not only can these grass clippings clog the storm sewers, they decompose and supercharge our creeks and streams with nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, causing harmful algae blooms that result in low dissolved oxygen, which in turn hurt aquatic life.

Plant a Tree

Fall is a great time to plant a tree. Trees absorb the runoff and reduce amount of water that will run into the streets and waterways.

Prune Your Trees and Shrubs

Pruning trees and shrubs in the fall will give them a good start in the spring growing season. It will also help them to use more water in the spring to reduce the runoff.

Aerate Your Lawn

Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots for a healthy lawn. Aeration helps the roots grow deeply, reduces soil compaction and restores your lawn's natural draining ability resulting in less runoff to our streams.

Also, when thinking about lawn maintenance in the fall and again in the spring, if you must use fertilizer, consider using natural fertilizers, like compost and mulched grass and leaves, which will help cut down on the amount of harmful chemicals that enter our waterways, which not only negatively affect our drinking water supply, but also have negative affects on insects, birds, squirrels, rabbits, etc.

If you observe pollutants entering the storm sewer or local waterways, please contact Chalfont Borough immediately at 215-822-7295. 📞



2023 YARD WASTE CLEAN UP DATES

Yard Waste Dumpster

On November 9, 2023, a 30-yard dumpster will be located in the parking lot behind Borough Hall, 40 North Main St., until filled.

The dumpster will be available to residents for **YARD WASTE DISPOSAL ONLY**. Acceptable materials include biodegradable-bagged grass clippings, brush, and tree limbs not exceeding four feet in length.

Dumpster Rules

PLEASE NOTE

- No plastic bags allowed in the dumpster.
- Do not fill over the top.
- Do not leave anything around the outside of the dumpster.
- **NOTHING OTHER THAN YARD WASTE IS ALLOWED INSIDE THE DUMPSTER**
*****NO SWING-SETS!*****
- If your amount of yard waste does not fit, you must take it with you.

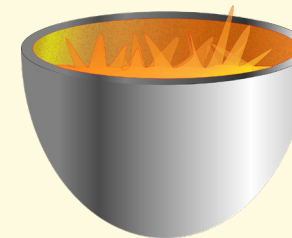
Fall Curbside Leaf Collection Dates

October 21, 2023
November 11, 2023
December 9, 2023

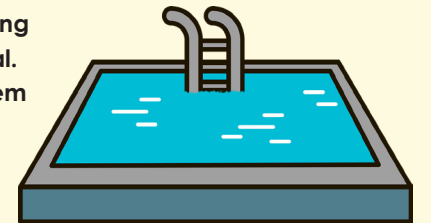
Leaves should be placed in biodegradable leaf bags and placed curbside the night before pickup. No twigs or twig bundles allowed in bags with leaves. This curbside pick-up is for **LEAVES ONLY**.

FALL CODE ENFORCEMENT & SAFETY REMINDERS

- Pool owners are required to dispose of pool water properly. Waste water containing chemicals such as chlorine and muriatic acid must be neutralized prior to disposal. The DEP prohibits the disposal of chlorinated water into the stormwater sewer system (street). Filter backwash should also be discharged to a grassy area and never to a street, pond, stream, or towards your neighbor's property.



- Keep recreational fire-pits at least 15 feet from any building/structure and keep a water source (hose) close by. Recreational fires can only be ignited after 9:00 AM and must be properly and safely extinguished by 11:59 PM the same day. Fires must be attended at all times and until fire is completely extinguished. Base of a recreational fire shall not exceed 30 inches in width and stacked no higher than 20 inches above the base. Fires cannot disturb surrounding properties or interfere with the welfare or comfort of others. Burning of brush, leaves, or anything besides seasoned firewood, is **PROHIBITED** (not allowed).



- Do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street when mowing your lawn. Blow grass clippings and/or leaves back onto your own property, or rake and bag them. Street stormwater drains (untreated) into our creeks & streams. 🌿



KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED



Chalfont Borough invites you to stay informed about important local news, events, and updates by visiting its website, www.chalfontborough.com, and signing up for Borough News (scroll to bottom of the homepage and click on "Subscribe to Chalfont Borough News" link). We also invite you to stay informed by joining the Borough's official Facebook and "X" (formerly Twitter) accounts:



facebook.com/chalfontborough
twitter.com/ChalfontBoro



CHALFONT CHEMICAL FIRE COMAPNY No. 1

FIRST RESPONDERS



The Chalfont Fire Company is comprised of a group of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to help the community. They are always looking for new members to join. The only restriction is that you must be at least 16 years old when you join. You can join as a Junior Firefighter, Firefighter, Fire Police officer, contributing or administrative member, or as a member of the Auxiliary.

Junior Firefighters are members that wish to join as a firefighter, but are between the ages of 16 and 18. They are not allowed to be placed into dangerous situations, but are still a valuable tool on the fire ground and can assist with operations around the fire ground.

Firefighters are just that. They are the members over the age of 18 going into burning buildings, actively fighting fires and answering the emergency calls when they come in.

Contributing or administrative members are people that wish to help with the administrative side of the fire company and wish to contribute, but don't necessarily want to go running into a burning building. These members are also very valuable during fundraising and community events.

The Auxiliary is a group of dedicated people that help the fire company with fundraising and provide food at major calls and at special events.

If you would like to join Chalfont Fire Company, please complete one of the online application forms which can be found on their website, www.chalfontfirecompany.com. Use the "Junior Firefighter Application" for that specific position, and use the "Firefighter Application" for all the other positions listed above, or call them at 215-822-9685. You can also apply in person any Thursday evening after 7:00 PM at the main station: Chalfont Fire Company, 301 N. Main Street, Chalfont, PA 18914, or stop by the fire station at their OPEN HOUSE event on Thursday, October 12th at 6:00PM. ☞

OPEN HOUSE WITH THE FIRE DEPT.

In recognition of FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, please come out and join your friends and neighbors for the OPEN HOUSE event at Chalfont Borough Fire Company 301 N. Main Street in Chalfont on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 6:00PM



Here are some other upcoming events that help support Chalfont Fire Company. All events will take place at the fire station, located at 301 N. Main Street in Chalfont.

October 28, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 2:30PM; Craft Show and Bake Sale



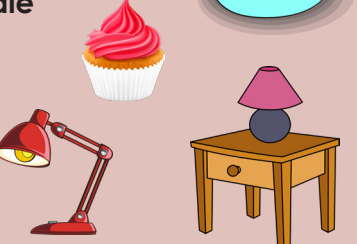
November 26, 2023, at 4:00PM; Christmas Sing



February 17, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00PM; Rummage, Bake & Soup Sale



March 16, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00PM; Rummage, Bake & Soup Sale



April 21, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 12:00PM; Breakfast Event



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

BRIAN D. WALLACE ❖ CHALFONT BOROUGH MAYOR



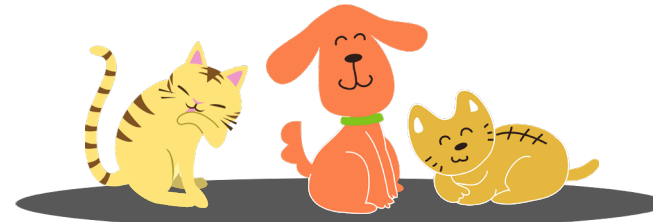
Q: *How long have you lived in Chalfont Borough and what circumstances let you to settle in Chalfont?*

A: I have lived in Chalfont for 30 years. When I was looking for a house, I was introduced to 6 E. Butler Avenue, which was in disrepair and falling down. I had helped my parents restore an old farmhouse while I was growing up and I wanted to do the same, so I dove

in and purchased a large pile of very old wood.

Q: *Can you tell us a little about your family and if you have any pets?*

A: I've been married for 13 years and I have two grown daughters, a 13 year old daughter, and a six year old grandson. We have two cats, Otis and Lucy, and a dog named Annie.



Q: *What is your profession?*

A: I have been a licensed Realtor for 37 years right here in the Central Bucks area.

Q: *How long have you been Mayor of Chalfont Borough, and why did you decide to run for office?*

A: I have been the Mayor of Chalfont Borough for six years. I have been involved as a volunteer within Chalfont government for 30 years, so I decided to run for an office. The office of the Mayor seemed like a good fit for me because as Mayor part of my job is to promote Chalfont, which I am very familiar with.

Q: *Have you served as a board or commission member in another capacity for Chalfont Borough?*



A: My past experiences with local government in Chalfont include being chairman of the committee that wrote the Borough's HARB ordinance. I was on the committee that wrote the current zoning ordinance, I served for seven years on the Planning Commission (two as

Chairman), I served six years as Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board, and I served on HARB on and off for 20 years. I was also a member of the Revitalization Committee.

Q: *What long-range goals do you have for Chalfont Borough?*

A: I want to see the dream of Chalfont becoming a walkable community in my lifetime, similar to what it was like in the 1940's, 50's and 60's.



Q: *Do you currently volunteer with any other organization(s) in addition to your duties as Mayor?*

A: I am on the Board of Directors of the Chalfont New Britain Business Alliance, and I am currently Chairman of the Central Bucks Regional Police Commission.

Q: *What is your favorite thing about living in Chalfont Borough?*

A: The friendly people in this area, and being able to take advantage of our wonderful local trail system.

Q: *What about Chalfont Borough would you like to preserve?*

A: I would like to preserve the Borough's Victorian character, the trail system, and property values.

Q: *What do you enjoy doing in your free time?*

A: I like to go motorcycle riding, I enjoy working on my properties, and doing fun activities with my kids.



Q: *If you could wave a magic wand and have anything immediately changed in our community, what would it be?*

A: I would like to have more places to park, and I would like to have more businesses located in our downtown area.

Q: *If you could trade places with any other person for a week, famous or not, living or dead, real or fictional, with whom would it be and why?*

A: I wouldn't trade places with anyone, I would just want to be me. Through my accident of birth, I have landed in one of the best places to live on earth. Why would I want to swap that? ☞

CHALFONT BOROUGH

Administration office located at:
40 N. Main Street, Chalfont, PA 18914

Office Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Phone: 215-822-7295
Fax: 215-822-5528
Email: info@chalfontborough.com

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mayor: Brian D. Wallace

Council President: John R. Engel

Council Vice President: Tracey Bowen

Michael Beebie

Mark Glidden

Marilyn Jacobson

Michael Kelly

Mitchell Meyerson

Borough Manager/Public Works Director:
Shawn Curran

Asst to Manager/Borough Secretary/
ORO/Newsletter Designer and Editor:
Dawn Tremmel

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Council meets the 2nd TUESDAY
of each month @ 7:00 PM

HARB meets the 1st Monday
of each month @ 7:00 PM

Planning Commission meets the 4th Monday
of each month @ 3:00 PM for Comprehensive
Plan Work Sessions (as necessary) or @ 7:00
PM if there is other PC business.

Meetings take place at Borough Hall.

Check the Borough's website:
www.chalfontborough.com
Twitter: twitter.com/ChalfontBoro
Facebook: facebook.com/chalfontborough
for up-to-date meeting information.

PROPERTY TAXES

COUNTY & BOROUGH MUNICIPAL TAX

Chalfont property owners receive two different property tax bills each year. The first is a County & Municipal Real Estate Tax Bill, which is mailed out to residents by the end of February. This tax is collected by Chalfont Borough. If you do not receive your bill, or you have recently moved, please contact Chalfont Borough at 215-822-7295 to update your mailing address.


If your property taxes are escrowed, forward one portion of your bill to your mortgage company and keep a portion for your own records. The discount period ended on April 30. The base amount was due by June 30.

County & Municipal Real Estate Tax Bill payments are made out to "Chalfont Borough." Payment can be sent by mail or dropped off in person to Chalfont Borough, 40 North Main Street in Chalfont. The Borough's administration office is open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday (closed on holidays). Please use the **side entrance** to the building (parking lot side). If you pay by mail and would like a stamped receipt, you will need to enclose a SASE with your payment along with the full tax bill (do not separate).

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

School Real Estate Tax bills are mailed to property owners on July 1st. If you did not receive your bill, or if you have questions regarding this tax payment, please contact the School Tax Collector, Nicole Percetti, who works out of New Britain Township's office. Nicole can be reached by phone at 215-822-2930, or by email at newbritaintax@gmail.com. Nicole accepts School Property Tax payments in three ways:

1. By mail, send to: Nicole Percetti, Tax Collector
P.O. Box 476
Chalfont, PA 18914
2. Online through Nicole's website:
www.newbritaintax.webs.com
3. Or you can drop off your payment in person at the 24-hour lockbox outside of Nicole's main office located at 207 Park Avenue in Chalfont (New Britain Township's administration office adjacent to North Branch Park). If you'd like a stamped receipt, include a SASE and the full copy of your bill. Please make school tax checks payable to: "Central Bucks School District," or just simply "CBSD."

To take advantage of the discount, payments have to be postmarked by August 31, otherwise the base payment amount is due by October 31. 



BIRD TOWN PENNSYLVANIA

This spring, Bird Town Pennsylvania received a generous grant of \$10K from Penn Community Bank, which the Bird Town Pennsylvania administrators will use towards offering mini-grants and to support educational brochures. Of that money, \$500 was gifted to Chalfont Borough's Bird Town program to use towards future tree plantings, etc. Penn Community Bank also had their volunteer day in May and twelve

employees came out to help Chalfont Bird Town volunteers remove invasive Multiflora Rose from a large section at Twin Streams Park. The volunteers spent three hours removing the roses and making room for more native plants and shrubs, which we hope to plant in the fall.

Now fall is on our doorstep; we welcome the cooler temps, but it is bittersweet. Migratory birds will be moving through, so keep an eye out for Warblers. Many of our Warblers spend winter in Central and South America. They need to eat a lot of protein and carbohydrates to store fat for the journey. Plants with berries are a good source of food for birds in fall. Some birds, like the Blackpoll Warbler weighing as little as two pennies, migrate off the east coast of the U.S. flying non-stop over the Atlantic all the way to South America.

Some places to watch for Warblers are right here at our local parks, and even in your own yard. Birds often wait for a cold front to help push them south and east and the day following a cold front is a good day to go birding. Broad Wing Hawks, which migrate to Central and South America, can be seen high above with their signature white stripe visible on the underside of their tail. Broad wing migration reaches its peak around mid-September. *Ebird* is an app you can download to your phone to report your findings and keep track of your "life list."



Blackpoll Warbler (photo by Andrew Harrington)

Things to do this fall: Participate in the voluntary "Lights out Philly" (and Bucks County!) program, which focuses on turning off or blocking as many external and internal building lights as possible at night during spring and fall migration periods to help reduce bird deaths. Keep your outdoor lights off, if possible, at night from August 15th through November 15th. Warblers and other songbirds migrate at night. Birds can get confused by man-made lighting and fly into windows. Buildings with a lot of tall glass windows, like car dealerships and office complexes, can pose a threat to migrating birds. Remember, some of the birds were born in the far northern forests, where buildings are foreign to them. You can check out the Bird Safe Philly website <https://www.birdsafephilly.org/lights-out> for more information on this important effort to help reduce bird deaths.


Migration watch: BirdCast is a great website to check the migration forecast of an area. The page even tells you the previous night's bird count and how high on average the birds flew. Check out their website: <https://birdcast.info/>

Take a road trip: Take a trip to Hawk Mountain to watch the hawk migration. You can hike up to the north lookout or just sit at the lookout near the visitor center to watch these raptors soar. Check out their website for more information: <https://www.hawkmountain.org/>

Rake leaves: When raking leaves, consider leaving some piles around trees and shrubs, which acts as mulch and insulation for roots and provides cover for insects, which will then become food for our feathered friends.

Take a bird walk: Our Bird Town group will host bird walks in September and October. Check our Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/Chalfontbirdtown/>

Plant native plants - to help feed the birds. The flowers and insects the plants attract will be there when the birds return in the spring. For more information and a guide to native plants for birds, use these two resources: www.birdtownpa.org and/or visit this page on PA Audubon's website: <https://pa.audubon.org/plants-birds>

For more information on our Bird Town program and how you can help, visit: www.Birdtownpa.org
Also visit Chalfont Borough Bird Town on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Chalfontbirdtown/>
If you have any questions, comments, would like further information, or wish to volunteer, please contact me, Trish Harrington, Committee Chair of Chalfont Borough Bird Town, by email: Trishah620@gmail.com 



THANKING OUR 5K SPONSORS



The 31st Chalfont Challenge 5K took place in the center of town on Saturday, June 3, 2023. As previously mentioned on the front page, we are grateful to Marilyn Jacobson for all of her tireless efforts in overseeing and organizing the 5K races for Chalfont, and for all her volunteering efforts throughout the entire Bucks 5K Series of races. Additionally, we'd also like to thank Bill Evans, who was the honorary race starter, and Michael Smith at Smith Prints for his work on the t-shirts. Thanks to Mark Glidden for his fund raising efforts and for MC'ing

on race day, and to Betsy Kruse who not only donated funds, but also donated her valuable time to help with the one-mile Fun Run. Runners saw clear, sunny skies that morning and enjoyed refreshments afterwards while they received their awards, brought to them by many volunteers, like Tracey Bowen. This community-oriented annual event would not have been possible this year without all of the amazing volunteers (too many to mention by name but we appreciate you more than you know!) who showed up in force before, during, and after the race to donate their valuable time and talents to make this year's event a success. We are also very grateful to all the local businesses who not only donated money, but who also may have donated food and/or merchandise as prizes for the runners. To everyone who helped make this year's event possible, we appreciate all of your generosity, hard work and dedication!!!

Special thanks to all of our very generous 5K sponsors! We appreciate your generosity!!!

- Forest Park Water
- Keystone Municipal Services
- Tommy Carr's Tire & Auto Service, Inc.
- Scanlin-McDonald Funeral Home
- Universal Electric, LLC
- Merck Sharp & Dohme FCU
- Chalfont Family Dentistry
- KCBA Architects
- Chalfont Collision
- DunlapSLK
- CKS Engineers
- Brian Wallace Keller Williams Real Estate
- Holmes Cunningham Engineering
- Kumon of Doylestown
- Stifel Nicolaus
- Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP
- Fusion Kitchen and Catering
- Penn Community Bank
- Lawn Doctor
- Harmony Clean
- Estates Chimney
- Kyle Carr Tire & Auto
- D. R. Cordell & Associates
- State Farm, Ryan Hassinger



Special thanks to all those businesses who donated food, merchandise, and/or prizes!

- Manhattan Bagel
- Fusion Kitchen and Catering
- Owowcow
- Planet Smoothie



Special thanks to Wegmans for their generous donation!!! All contributions received were greatly appreciated!



It's Scarecrow Time Again!



Chalfont Borough will provide the frames and straw, you provide the creativity! Pick up your supplies outside along the side of the Borough's administration building located at 40 N. Main Street starting on **October 6th-8th** until supplies run out. Supplies will be on a first come, first served basis, no orders/reservations taken. As a reminder, pre-made heads are no longer available.

Please return your completed scarecrows any time between **October 13th-15th**. They can be left propped up against the side of the Borough's administration building. Public Works will install the scarecrows on the street light poles along N. Main Street and Butler Avenue in time for Halloween. If you have any questions, please call the Borough office at 215-822-7295.



PREPARING FOR THE WINTER SEASON

With fall right around the corner, winter will be here before we know it! Here are some helpful reminders:

- All Borough streets are designated as snow emergency routes. Move cars off of streets during snowfall and keep them off streets until after snow clean-up has been completed and the snow emergency has been lifted.
- Residents are asked to keep fire hydrants that are on or near their property clear and accessible at all times.
- Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours of the cessation (end) of such event. Shovel snow the full width of the sidewalk and all the way down to the pavement surface. Excessive ice must be treated with sand or other abrasive material for safe pedestrian travel.
- **Do not throw or plow snow onto Borough streets.** Pile the snow that you or your contractor clears onto your own yard/property.
- Keep all portable basketball hoops and trash & recycling cans out of the street so they don't interfere with plowing or with spring and fall street sweeping.
- Please place warning markers where snow plows might damage your yard or curb.
- Don't allow children to build snow forts in the street. The results could be tragic.

Please be patient and courteous to the plow crews. They work long hours doing a difficult job with the goal of getting you back onto the roads as soon as possible.

Borough staff is aware that some residents get frustrated with "windrows," which are the long piles of snow on each side of the road that plows leave behind. Windrows often unintentionally bury freshly shoveled sidewalk sections and driveway aprons because they unload more in cleared areas. Windrows are unavoidable, but you can try to reduce the amount of snow that ends up in a windrow in front of your driveway by first clearing a portion of the roadway in the area prior to your driveway, which will allow the plow to unload snow in that cleared area before it has the chance to unload it onto your driveway apron. Windrows are frustrating, but they are an unavoidable result of plowing.

For any issues concerning state-owned roads within the Borough: Bristol Road, Butler Avenue, N. Main Street (Rt. 152), Park Avenue, South Limekiln Pike, and Sunset Avenue, please call PennDOT's Bucks County road maintenance department at 215-345-6060. The Borough does not perform maintenance or snow removal on these roads.