

Chalfont Borough Lamplighter



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TRAIL SYSTEM IN CHALFONT

Chalfont Borough has a network of trails that are part of the Northern Neshaminy Greenway Trail System. These trails provide the public with opportunities to walk, jog, hike and bike. The Borough's network of sidewalks and trails are functioning connections between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and local



shopping areas, but most importantly, provide recreational opportunities and way to connect with nature. There is a new portion of trail recently installed that runs from Chestnut Street Park and connects to

the open space area on Patriot Drive, and also to the trail connection by the Lindenfield Parkway, which provides access to North Branch Park in New Britain Township. There will also be a new trail connection

installed within the next year in the area of East Hillcrest Avenue where it meets with



Langhorne Road, which will bridge the gap to that neighborhood. More information about the trail system that runs



throughout our area can be found on Bucks County's website: <https://www.buckscounty.gov/400/Trails-Program> and a Bucks County trails map can also be found on the "Maps" page of the Borough's website <https://chalfontborough.com/maps/> Happy trails! ☺

Aqua Pennsylvania and Water Quality



AQUA Pennsylvania supplies water to the residents of Chalfont Borough. At the July 9, 2024, council meeting, representatives from AQUA Pennsylvania were in attendance to discuss water quality concerns with residents. David Rustay, AQUA's Director of Water Quality and Compliance, gave an overview of PFOS and PFAS contamination in our local water supply and what steps AQUA is taking to protect Chalfont's drinking water.

AQUA currently utilizes three local wells to supply water to the residents of Chalfont Borough and has until April 2029 to bring all wells into compliance with current regulations on allowable PFOS/PFAS limits. One Chalfont well has a filtration unit already installed and levels of PFOS/PFAS are non-detectable, a second well is currently offline while it's having a filtration unit installed, and AQUA intends to install

a filtration unit on the third active well in the future. The discussion ended with AQUA reps reminding residents they are free to contact AQUA PA at any time with questions regarding their water quality and/or service by calling AQUA's toll-free Customer Service number at **877-987-2782**.


You can check AQUA PA's website for complete information and water quality reports by visiting: <https://www.aquawater.com/>

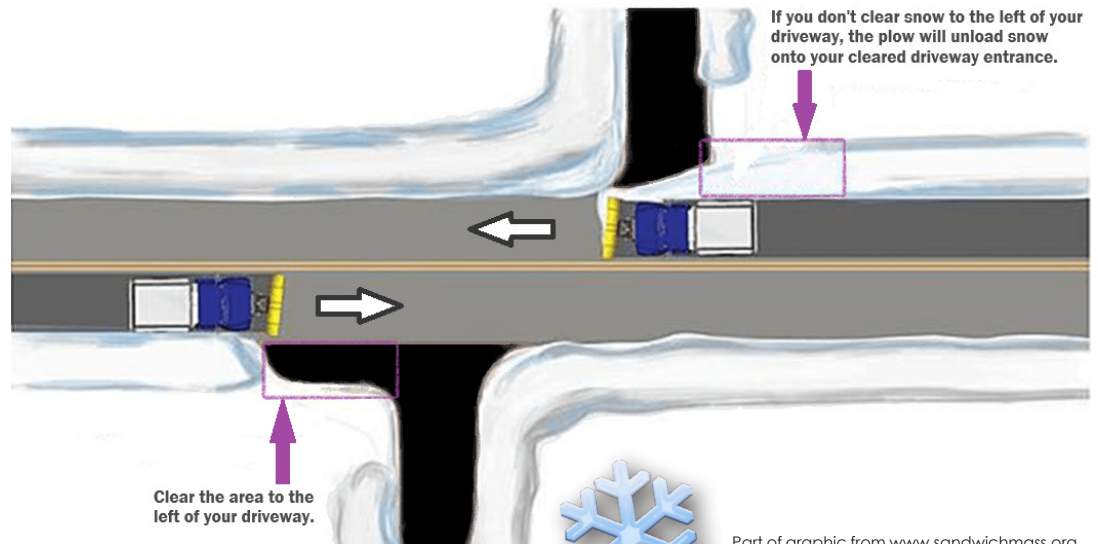
AQUA's direct URL for accessing monitoring results and signing up with your email address to receive updates about PFAS in our community: <https://www.waterfacts.com/monitoring/>



Chalfont Borough also provides links to AQUA's most recent water quality reports on its own website: <https://chalfontborough.com/information/public-water-quality/>

Turning Our Attention to Winter with Helpful Reminders...

All Borough streets are designated as snow emergency routes. Move cars off of all streets during snowfall and until roads are cleared. Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours of the end of a snow event and excessive ice treated to allow for safe pedestrian travel. Clear around any fire hydrants located near your home. To try to reduce the size of "windrows" (long piles of snow that plows leave behind) from occurring in your cleared driveway entrance, first clear a portion of the roadway in the area prior to your driveway so the build-up on the plow unloads into that cleared area first. Windrows are an unavoidable result of plowing. 



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SPOOKTACULAR SCARECROWS!



Chalfont Borough will provide the frames and the straw, you provide the creativity! We invite you to make a scarecrow to be displayed in the Borough for Halloween! We welcome all groups, families, or individuals that would like to participate. Pick up your supplies in the parking lot of the Borough's administration building located at 40 N. Main Street from **October 4th to 6th**. Supplies will be on a first come, first served basis, no orders or reservations can be taken.

Please return your completed scarecrows any time between **October 12th-13th**. They can be left propped up against the side of the Borough's administration building along the wall with stairs to the side entrance. Our dedicated Public Works crew 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.



General Election Information

Tuesday, **November 5, 2024**, is General Election Day. In a general election, Pennsylvanians will cast their votes for federal, state, and local officials. The polling place for all Chalfont Borough residents is Chalfont United Methodist Church located at 11 Meadowbrook Lane in Chalfont. The polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

Bucks County Board of Elections announced that mail-in and absentee ballots will start hitting mailboxes in early to mid-October.

Explore Bucks County Board of Elections' webpage with important dates and a list of FAQs: <https://www.buckscounty.gov/1252/Board-of-Elections>

Feel free to visit the Pennsylvania voter information website, which is a helpful and comprehensive voting resource, by utilizing any of the QR codes on the right.

2024 General Election Important Dates

- Oct. 21** Last day to register to vote in the general election. vote.pa.gov/Register
- Oct. 29** Last day to apply for a mail ballot. vote.pa.gov/MailBallot
- Nov. 5** Election Day. Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM. vote.pa.gov/Polls
- Nov. 5** Completed mail ballots must be received by 8 PM. vote.pa.gov/County

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Bucks County Transport (BCT) provides safe, reliable transportation for residents of Bucks County. BCT offers the following services:

- Shared Ride Programs
- Disabilities Programs
- Medical Assistance Transportation
- Charter & Shuttle Services
- Hosts the DART System



For more information, visit their website: bctransport.org or call 215-794-5554.

Medication Take Back Day

SAVE
the
DATE 



Medication Take Back Day is
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024
10 am - 2 pm



If you have unused or expired medications, vitamins, sharps, vaping products or pet meds at home, this event is for **YOU!**

Visit bcdac.org for details and collection sites!



Bucks County
Children & Youth
Social Services
Agency



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

Vice President: Tracey Bowen

Marilyn Jacobson

Michael Kelly

Mitchell Meyerson

Lisa Cardinale

Dan Colbert

Borough Manager/Public Works Director:
Shawn Curran

Asst to Manager/Borough Secretary/AORO:
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, as needed.

Planning Commission meets the 4th Monday
of each month @ 7:00 PM, as needed.

Meetings take place at Borough Hall,
40 N. Main Street, Chalfont

For up-to-date meeting information,
check the Borough's website:

www.chalfontborough.com

Twitter: twitter.com/ChalfontBoro

Facebook: facebook.com/chalfontborough

Property Taxes

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 at the end of February. This tax is collected by Chalfont Borough. If you did not receive that bill, need to pay that bill, or have recently moved, please contact Barbara Klingerman at Chalfont Borough, 215-822-7295.



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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 each year, payments have to be postmarked by August 31, otherwise the face amount is due by October 31. 

New Welcome Sign for Chalfont!

Chalfont Borough has a new welcoming sign located at the eastern entrance to the Borough on Butler Avenue near Bristol Road. The new structure was funded by Judd Builders and permission was granted for its placement on a small portion of land at the entrance to the Borough where the previous sign was located. The new sign was constructed over the summer. The previous welcoming sign will be relocated to another entrance point of the Borough. 🌀



Bucks County MRC - Call for Volunteers

The Bucks County Medical Reserve Corps (BC-MRC) is part of a national network of medical and non-medical volunteers organized locally to improve the health and safety of their

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respective communities. The Bucks County Department of Health and the Bucks County Emergency Management Agency sponsors the Bucks County unit, which is active both during emergencies and throughout the year. BC-

MRC volunteers have been deployed in response to local and national emergencies and are a vital resource in our community. Please consider volunteering your time and skills to this worthwhile organization that has a direct connection to the health and well being our local community. 🌀



Scan the QR Code for more information on BC-MRC and how to become a volunteer.

Historic Buildings in the Borough

Architectural Styles in Chalfont

In the late 1900's Chalfont Borough established a historic district. In 2006, Chalfont Borough's Historic District was included in the National Register of Historic Districts. This district centers in and around Main Street, which is a cohesive building area and offers many different styles of architecture. The styles and dates of construction reflect the growth and history of Chalfont Borough. Some of the styles that can be found in the Borough are:

Gothic Revival 1810-1880
Federal 1815-1840 (Neo-classical)
Greek Revival 1825-1860 (Neo-classical)
Italian Villa 1850-1870
Stick 1860-1890
Italianate 1840-1885

French Second Empire 1855-1885
American Four Square 1890's-1930's
Victorian Vernacular 1870-1895
Queen Anne Shingle 1880-1910
Colonial Revival 1880-1935
Bungalow-Craftsman 1905-1930

Information about buildings included in the historic district is available at the Borough's administration office. This information is included in a survey which dates the building, its location, and style of architecture. There is also a walking tour brochure available on the Borough's website, <https://chalfontborough.com/harb/>



Some of Chalfont Borough's historic buildings have interesting stories behind their existence. For example, the building at 28 North Main Street was once owned by Alice Swartley and back in the 1930-1940's was known as "Swartleys' Sweet Shoppe." The house dates back to 1874 and is in the Gothic Revival style. The left side of the building was where the ice cream parlor was placed with the ice cream fountain in the bay window. In addition to ice cream, you could also get lunch at their establishment. One of Alice's daughters, Bea Swartley Barr, was a former borough manager and remembers good times at the house. Young people gathered there and the place flourished. After hours, the kids danced nightly to the nickelodeon (juke box) until curfew. In 1941, many young men were called up to serve in the armed forces after Pearl Harbor was bombed. Supplies became difficult to acquire and due to declining revenue, the parlor had to close. Private Harry Swartley, son of Alice, lost his life fighting in World War II. His Hometown Heroes banner hangs on a light pole across the street from the house.

In October 1924, George and Lena Wilson sold a piece of ground at 40 N. Main Street to a group of Chalfont citizens who arranged for the construction of a building in Neo-classical style designed by A. Oscar Martin, a well-known architect, who drew up the plans for what became known as Chalfont National Bank. Over the years, the bank building had many uses. It once housed a library, was home to the *Chalfont News* newspaper, was a bookstore, an insurance agency, and in 1984 Chalfont Borough purchased the building for its municipal offices that remain today. *(article con't on next page)*




The train station building on Sunset Avenue is of the Stick Style of architecture. The station first existed in 1856 and was once known as "Whitehall Station" because "Whitehall" was one of the former names for Chalfont Borough. In 1869 the station was renamed "Chalfont" by the North Pennsylvania Railroad and in 1901 the Borough was incorporated. The train station burned down in 1909 and was rebuilt in 1910. Back then, Chalfont was a farming community and milk and other items were shipped by train to Philadelphia, which helped the farmers in the area prosper.



At 145 North Main Street there exists another A. Oscar Martin house. Built in July 1902 by Dr. Wesley Massinger, this American Four Square style house had two entrances. Dr. Massinger was a veterinarian who worked from his home. His office entrance was on Main Street and his private entrance was on Wisler Avenue. In the back of the property, a barn-like structure served as the place for him to run an animal hospital. On the roof of the house is a "widow's walk." Widows walks were used for viewing platforms and also allowed quick access to a home's chimney in the case of a chimney fire. Dr. Massinger died in 1943. In the years that followed the property had a few different owners, and at one point was split into a duplex. In 1968, Andrew Stoler, who served as the Mayor of Chalfont for a few years, purchased the house. Mr. Stoler was also a well-respected builder, and equipped with the home's original blueprints, he spent 30+ years lovingly restoring the house to its original single-family status.

A good example of a Bungalow-Craftsman style house can be seen at 150 West Butler Avenue. The house was built in 1928 by Frank and Helen Pilson. At that time, Frank was the publisher of the *Chalfont News*. Bill and Priscilla Weir purchased the home in 1964, and it still remains in the Weir family today. This particular property is not included in the historic district due to not being near the center of town where most of the historic homes are located. This Bungalow-Craftsman style of architecture exists due to inspiration from the Arts and Crafts architectural movement in which people started choosing simplicity rather than opting for Victorian style homes. A characteristic of the Bungalow-Craftsman style is low pitched triangular roofs with overhanging eaves and exposed rafters, and the Weir house is a wonderful example of this style.



Chalfont Borough is very fortunate to have so many architecturally interesting buildings within its borders. Enjoy a walk through the historic district at your leisure. Information gathered by HARB Member, Marilyn Becker. Source: *Historic Chalfont Celebrating a Century 1901-2001*. 

Year-Round Stormwater Tips

Help Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains

Only rain should go in the drain!

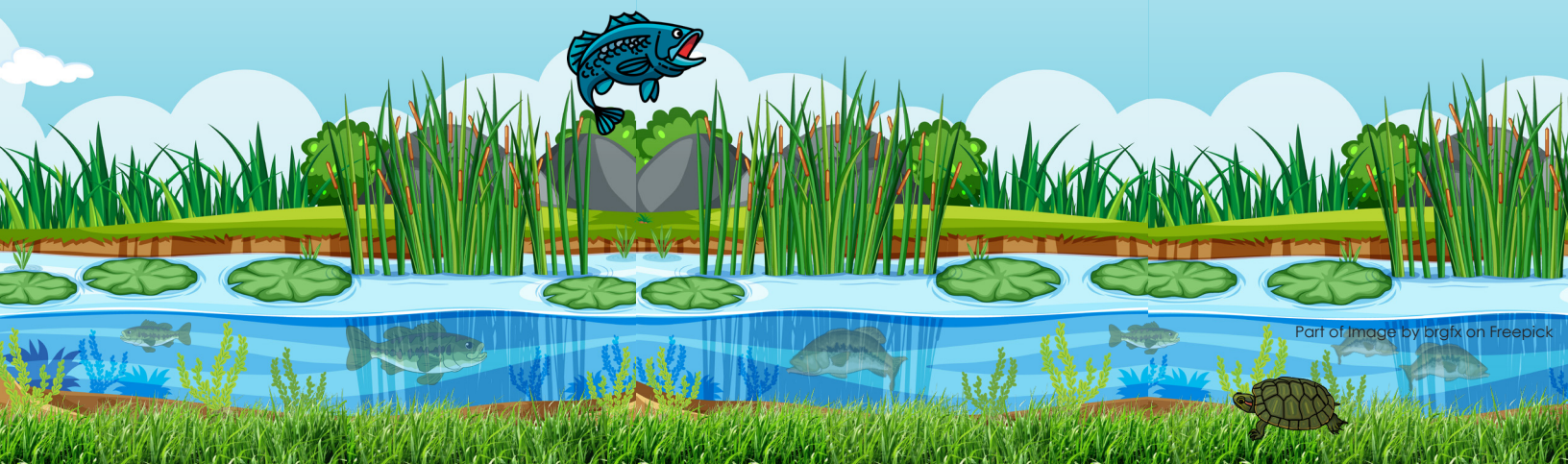
That's because storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly (untreated) to our streams and rivers. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves, trash, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our streams and rivers.

What can you do?

These simple tips will help prevent pollutants from entering our streams, lakes and rivers:

- Keep all litter off the street and place it in trash receptacles so that it does not get washed down the street and into the storm drains.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, and fertilizers out of the storm drains. Fertilizers run off your lawn with the rain water and get deposited directly into the stormwater drains to make their way (untreated) into our streams and lakes. The chemicals in fertilizers have a negative affect on our drinking water supply in addition to harming worms, insects, birds, squirrels, rabbits, etc. If you have to use fertilizers, choose organic, slow-release fertilizers and immediately sweep any granulated chemicals off of hard surfaces, like your sidewalk and driveway, and back onto your lawn to prevent quick and easy routes for these chemicals to enter the stormdrains that lead directly to our local streams.
- Do not dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, paint, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain.
- Place dog waste in a trash can. Do not leave it in your yard, in the street, on a sidewalk, and never place it in a storm drain. Pet waste can introduce disease-causing bacteria into our water supply.

To report an illicit discharge to storm drains or local waterways, call Chalfont Borough at 215-822-7295. ☎



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BIRD TOWN PENNSYLVANIA

Neshaminy Watershed Association together with Bird Town volunteers, have been removing invasive plants in Kelly Park, including Privet, Multiflora Rose, and the noxious Water Hemlock. Work continues and we plan to do more work at Twin Streams Park in the fall. Volunteers are welcome to join us!

We also have good news to report! Back in late May, we had two purple Martins show up at our gourd rack that the Borough installed back in 2019 at Twin Streams Park. We have waited six years for the arrival of a colony of birds! Within the span of a few days, we had seven Martins arrive! Purple Martins are North America's largest swallow. East of the Mississippi River, Purple Martins will only nest in human-made housing. They are cavity nesters, and prefer living with other Purple Martins. They consume vast amounts of insects which helps control the insect population. Today, Purple Martins are in decline due



to habitat loss, decline of insect populations, and climate change. There are, however, many towns and parks erecting these Purple Martin racks to help the birds, and thereby reaping the benefits of natural insect control. Purple Martins migrate in late summer/early fall, gathering in large roosts along the coast, eventually flying to Brazil to spend winter. Martins have very good nest site fidelity, and will usually return to the exact place where they nested the previous year. With any luck, we should see Purple Martins next spring!



Nestwatch website. Next spring, look for the Martins in May. Listen for their bubbly calls, their loud "cheer, CHEER" chirps, and their high-flying antics. For more information about Purple Martins, go to: www.purplemartin.org

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 for future updates: www.facebook.com/Chalfontbirdtown

If you have any questions, comments, or wish to volunteer, please contact Trish Harrington, Committee Chair of Chalfont Borough Bird Town, by email: Trishah620@gmail.com



Chalfont Chemical Fire Company No. 1

2024 Upcoming Fall/Winter Events

Here are some upcoming events that will help support Chalfont Fire Company. All events will take place at the fire station, which is located at 301 N. Main Street in Chalfont. Hope to see you there!



Questions?
Call 215-822-3434

September 14; 9:00am to 1:00pm (or until sold out); Hoagie Sale



September 29; 8:00am to 12:00pm; Breakfast Event



October 12; 10:00am to 4:00pm; Cornhole Tournament

Registration Req'd for tournament. Questions? Email: cornhole@chalfontfirecompany.com



October 26; 9:00am to 2:30pm; Craft Show & Bake Sale



December 1, 4:00pm; Christmas Sing



Central Bucks Regional Police News

CONGRATULATIONS! CBRPD PROMOTES TWO OFFICERS. **Officer Jaclyn Riccio** was promoted to Sergeant at the June 26, 2024, Police Commission meeting. Sergeant Riccio is a seven-year veteran of CBRPD including assignment to the Detective Unit and designation as Lead Evidence Technician. She also leads the Youth Aid Panel. Sergeant Riccio is the first female supervisor in the history of CBRPD as well as the three individual Boroughs' police departments prior to the first regionalization in 2014. **Officer Jeff Watson** was promoted to Corporal on May 20, 2024. Corporal Watson is a seven-year veteran of the CBRPD and a military veteran. Corporal Watson also serves as a Field Training Officer and is in charge of the Federal 1033 program benefiting CBRPD with law enforcement equipment saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars. Congratulations Sergeant Riccio and Corporal Watson!

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH@: <https://bucks.crimewatchpa.com/centralbucksregionalpd/17396/post/cbrpd-promotional-ceremony>

CBRPD HIRES FOUR OFFICERS. **Officers Alicia Belli, Juliana Greco** and **Danielle DeSimone** were sworn in as full-time Police Officers at the June 26, 2024 Police Commission meeting. **Officer Brian Keenan** was sworn in on June 20, 2024. Officer Alicia Belli was a full-time Police Officer with Lehigh University since 2023 and graduated from Montgomery Police Academy. Officer Juliana Greco was a part-time Police Officer with North Wales Borough Police Department since 2023 and graduated from Delaware County Police Academy. Officer DeSimone was a Police Officer with Northampton Township Police Department since 2022, graduated from Temple Police Academy, possesses a bachelor's degree in business management and master's degree in criminal justice. Officer Brian Keenan was a full-time Police Officer with Philadelphia Police Department since 2016, graduated from Philadelphia Police Academy, and possesses a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Congratulations Officers, and welcome to CBRPD!

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH@: <https://bucks.crimewatchpa.com/centralbucksregionalpd/17396/post/cbrpd-hires-four-police-officers>

CBRPD ISSUES COMMENDATIONS. The Central Bucks Regional Police Commission issued a Letter of Commendation for **Officer Dan Boyle, Corporal Sean Tropiano** and **Sergeant Jaclyn Riccio** for their actions on May 28, 2024 in aiding a military veteran.

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH@: <https://bucks.crimewatchpa.com/centralbucksregionalpd/17396/post/cbrpd-issues-commendations>

Police Commission meetings are open to the public and held at 7:00 PM at CBRPD HQ located at 229 N. Broad St. in Doylestown Borough. Remaining 2024 meeting dates are: Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 25, and Dec 19. Dates, times and location are subject to change. 📞

Getting To Know Your Elected Officials

Borough Council Member, Dan Colbert

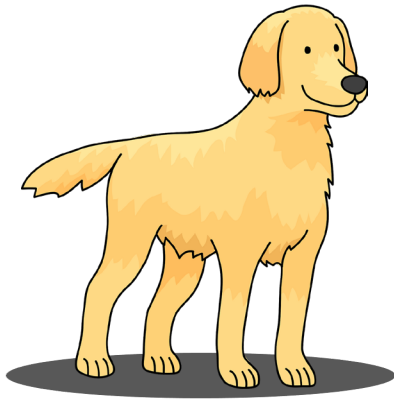


Q: *How long have you lived in Chalfont Borough and what circumstances led you to settle here?*

A: My wife and I moved to the area 17 years ago to be closer to our two daughters, and our first grandchild was on the way. We had made several house hunting trips and finally found what we wanted here in Chalfont.

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

A: Peg and I were high school sweethearts and have been married for 55 years. We have two daughters, two grandsons, and three "grand dogs." Over the years, we've enjoyed the company of two golden retrievers that were a very special part of our family.



Q: *What was your profession? Has this been your only career path?*

A: I've been retired for several years now following a long career in the corporate business world. I was a financial guy and had great experiences in business development, product development, manufacturing, supply chain design and management, business process development, sales and customer service, and hiring talent. Towards the end of my career, I spent several years as a self-employed executive search consultant/recruiter.

Q: *How long have you been on Borough Council and why did you decide to run?*

A: I'm a newly elected Chalfont Borough Council Member having been sworn in this past January. I had been politically active for many years, but had never run for office before. And so, I decided it was time to campaign for myself and enjoy the experience of learning what municipal government is all about and how I can contribute to its mission of serving Chalfont Borough residents.

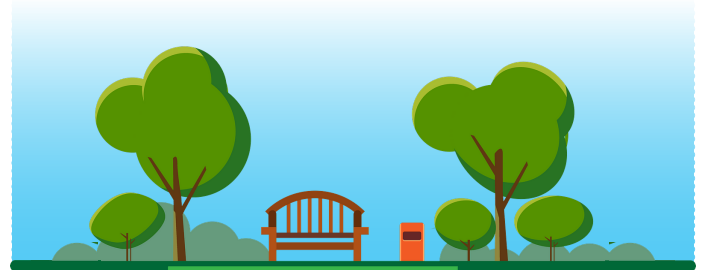


Q: *Are there any Borough projects, events, or initiatives that are of special interest to you, and why?*

A: As a member of the Finance Committee, I will participate in the construction of the Proposed Budget for the next year and an examination of the capital investments needed in the years ahead. I really like this kind of work and have years of experience in it.

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

A: It is a peaceful and safe community and exceptionally convenient to places that meet our needs and interests. The ready access to high quality health services is a great example. Taking SEPTA regional rail into the city is another. NYC is easily reached by rail. And the beauty to be found in the rural areas of Bucks County is wonderful.



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

A: For most of my adult life, I dedicated time to physical fitness and do-it-yourself skills like carpentry, plumbing, and masonry. I took up golf when my kids were older. My current interests include reading about history, following world news, watching movies, and doing jigsaw puzzles.

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

A: *A beltway road around Chalfont, emphasis on "around!"*

Q: *If you could travel to any place in the world with no concern of money or responsibilities (dream vacation), where would it be and why would you choose that place?*

A: I would book first class tickets to London for me and my wife, and proceed from there to explore the UK and Europe by rail, and river cruises with no set schedule. A visit to the beaches of Normandy is a must for me, and a stop at the Amalfi coast is a must for my wife. We feel a special closeness to that part of the world and spending more time there would be very special. ✂



Be Pro-active & Participate with Council

Borough Council President, John Engel



My name is John Engel, and I have been a resident of Chalfont since 1982, a Borough Councilor since 2007, and Council President since 2012. I am proud to live in Chalfont as it is a beautiful area of Bucks County with wonderful parks and an extensive trail system with connections to other local trails and recreational destinations. The Borough is protected by excellent police, fire and ambulance services. Chalfont is a great place to live. I encourage everyone to get out and explore these amenities, as well as support our local businesses and restaurants.

Chalfont Borough Council is the governing body of the Borough. The council is a group of seven elected volunteers that direct the business of the Borough for our residents. I encourage our residents to be aware of what is happening and come to Borough Council meetings to voice their opinions.

A public comment resolution (Res. No. 2024-07) was recently passed. During council meetings, there are two specific times designated for public comment; prior to any vote taken by the Council, and during a specified time near the end of the meeting. The most effective time to voice your opinion is when your item of concern is being discussed and deliberated upon, not after the council is in process to vote, as then it is often too late to make your feelings known and effect changes. See Resolution 2024-07 at: <https://ecode360.com/CH0570/document/753069002.pdf>

There are many ways to find out what is happening with Chalfont and Borough Council:

- Go to the official Borough website www.chalfontborough.com and subscribe to "Chalfont Borough News" to receive emails about important local information.
- Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday evening of every month and details, including a link to the agenda, are posted on the Borough website homepage no later than the Friday afternoon before the Council meetings (click on the meeting link). For meeting updates and direct links to agendas, you can also follow Chalfont Borough on Facebook: [facebook.com/chalfontborough](https://www.facebook.com/chalfontborough) and X (formally Twitter): twitter.com/ChalfontBoro. The Borough's website homepage has direct links to both social media accounts (click on their respective icons).
- When reviewing agendas, I suggest that special attention be paid to the "Action Items" which gives a list of items that are coming before the Council. Again, there is always a call for public comment at meetings to voice your opinion and concerns prior to any and all council votes. 📧

Social Security Administration Newsletters



Our local Social Security Administration office creates their own newsletters on a semi-regular basis. They offer helpful tips, information and links for those already accessing Social Security benefits, as well as important information for those getting ready to apply for benefits in the near future. You can access all the newsletters that Chalfont Borough has received from their office by going to the *Information* page on the Borough's website and clicking on the *Social Security Administration (SSA) Newsletters* link. It can be found at this URL: <https://chalfontborough.com/social-security-administrations-newsletters/> 📧

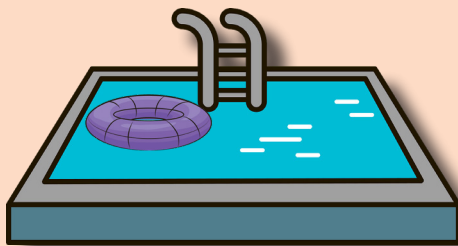
Fall Safety & Yard Waste Reminders




Code Enforcement & Safety Reminders

- **CHIMNEYS.** Cleaning your chimney regularly removes soot, ash, and creosote buildup that can be a fire hazard and cause other problems. Creosote and soot can ignite easily when temperatures are high, resulting in a fire. A poorly functioning fireplace can produce carbon monoxide; a colorless, odorless, and toxic gas. Creosote buildup can make the flue smaller which can cause smoke to backdraft into your home. Buildup can also cause dark stains around the hearth and mantel. Chimney maintenance is essential.

- **FIREWORKS.** Fireworks cannot be set off any where, any time. There aren't many places in Chalfont where fireworks can be set off by private citizens because they cannot be discharged within 150 feet of a building or vehicle, regardless of owner. Consumer fireworks within the Borough are also restricted to the following holidays: New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Diwali/Deepavali, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July. On these days said use is limited to the hours of 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, except for the allowance of a half-hour period beginning at 11:45 PM on New Year's Eve (December 31) until 12:15 AM on New Year's Day (January 1). Contact Central Bucks Regional Police Department with any fireworks complaints.



- **POOLS.** When emptying swimming pools, 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 system (storm drains on the street). Filter backwash should also be discharged to a grassy area and never to a street, pond, stream, or towards your neighbor's property. Pool water should be first neutralized and slowly drained to a grassy area on your own property. 

2024 Yard Waste Clean Up Dates

Yard Waste Dumpster

On November 14, 2024, a yard waste dumpster will be located in the parking lot behind Borough Hall, 40 North Main St., and remain 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. (No root balls allowed).

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.

2024 Curbside Leaf Collection Dates

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**.

Remaining Dates
October 19, 2024
November 16, 2024
December 7, 2024





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IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- **AQUA Pennsylvania** (Chalfont Borough's water service provider): 877-987-2782
- **Borough & County Tax Collector for Chalfont Borough:** Barbara Klingerman, 215-822-7295
 - **School Tax Collector (CBSD) for Chalfont:** Nicole Percetti for Central Bucks School District, 215-822-2930
- **Bucks County Recycling Program including E-Waste Info:** <https://www.buckscounty.gov/recycling>
- **Central Bucks Regional Police Department (CBRPD) administrative office:** 215-345-4143
- **CBRPD Dispatch** (non-emergency situations requiring a timely police response): 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 Township 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 contracted residential trash & recycling service provider): 215-723-0400



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