



NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year Chalfant! Hope everyone had a great holiday! This newsletter contains new information, updates and repeat information. Please save your copy for future reference.

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OTHER CONTACTS

Carol Donahue	Tax Collector	412-824-3283
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WHEMS	Ambulance	911
POLICE	Emergency/ Non-Emergency	911
FIRE		911

2024 HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

With the exception of the following dates, garbage is put to the curb on Thursday evening and picked up on Friday morning. On the Holiday schedule garbage is put to the curb on Friday evening.

Memorial Day	Collection on Saturday, June 1
Independence Day	Collection on Saturday, July 6
Labor Day	Collection on September 7
Thanksgiving	Collection on November 30
Christmas	Collection on December 28
New Year's Day 2025	Collection on January 4, 2025

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Continuing into 2024, residents of Chalfant will not be charged for ambulance service. Make sure that all Occupancy Reports are up to date listing all occupants of each residential property in Chalfant.

INFORMATION FROM OUR TAX COLLECTOR

Property taxes have not gone up for tax year 2024 for Chalfant Borough.
School tax millage will be determined in June for tax year 2024.

The Chalfant Borough 2024 tax bills will be mailed out March 1, 2024. Anyone who does not receive a tax bill by March 11, 2024 should contact me (Carol Donahue at 412-824-3283). Borough taxes are

payable at discount by April 30, 2024 and face value by June 30, 2024. After June 30, 2024 borough taxes will be in penalty phase.

Woodland Hills School District 2024 taxes are mailed on July 1, 2024. Again , if you do not receive your tax bill within a week of this date, please contact me. WHSD taxes are payable at discount by August 31, 2024 and face value by October 31, 2024. After October 31, 2024 taxes will be in the penalty phase. WHSD installment payments are due 10/31/2024 (1st installment)1/31/2025 (2nd installment)and 3/31/2025 (3rd and final installment).

If you have paid off your mortgage, just purchased a home in the Borough, or refinanced or changed mortgage companies, it is YOUR responsibility as the property owner to advise the following : 1)Notify your local tax , 2)notify the Allegheny County tax office of correct billing address and 3) notify your insurance .

It is the Homeowner's responsibly to notify these people and/or agencies of any changes to the mailing address of tax bills. Not receiving a tax bill Does Not relieve you of paying your taxes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carol Donahue, Tax collector, at 412-824-3283 or email at cadon4946@hotmail.com.

The Tax Collector (Carol Donahue) can be reached between 9-4 daily at 412-824-3283. If I am unavailable, please leave a message and it will be returned within 24 hours. Any messages left on the weekend will be returned on the following Monday. All tax payments are accepted at the Borough Office located at 144 Lynnwood Avenue, either by mail or dropped off. If you must pay in person, other than the scheduled office hours for Discount payments, please call or email me (cadon4946@hotmail.com) to make an appointment at the office. At no time will payments be received at my home.

FYI - WILKINSBURG PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY

Beginning with the water/sewerage bill due January 2024

WPJWA has a new look. They have dispensed with those pesky postcard bills and are now sending out full size 8 ½ x 11 invoices with return envelopes. Way less likely to get lost. Kudos WPJWA. What took you so long?

FYI - COYOTES

There have been several coyote sightings in the Borough in the past several weeks They have been recorded on residents' cameras in the Brighton Rd. vicinity. Please don't let your cats roam at night. Don't leave your dog unattended in the yard. Keep garbage cans tightly closed This is mating season for coyotes and

they may be more noticeable. If you see one and it starts to approach you, DO NOT RUN. Make yourself look big, yell, throw rocks and very likely it will retreat. And most of all, they are NOT PETS. Don't throw food out for them! Call the Borough Office at 412-823-6500 (date, time and location) if you spot any. Although the Borough is not equipped to exterminate them we can keep the proper authorities informed.

LIGHT UP THE BOROUGH NIGHT

Congratulations to the winners of the Chalfant 2023 "Light Up The Borough Night". 1st place went to the Haenal Family, 2nd place to the Sidorovich Family, and 3rd place to the Cisneros Family.

Thanks to all the residents who decorated. Here's hoping that Mr. and Mrs. Claus (and yes, even the Grinch) can return this December for another fun Holiday escapade!

CHALFANT BOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The Chalfant Volunteer Fire Department ceased operations as of December 1, 2023. Council made the difficult decision one year earlier to give the remaining membership one year to cease operations. The decision on how to accomplish this was left to the membership. The membership made the decision to merge personnel and assets into Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Company #3. It fell to Chalfant Council to contract with a neighboring community to provide fire protection. After negotiations with Forest Hills council and Wilkins Township commissioners, the decision was made to contract Fire Protection with Forest Hills.

December 1, 2023 Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department began providing fire and emergency services. I hope the community will join me in thanking both past and present members of the Chalfant Volunteer Fire Department for their many years of service and dedication. Special thanks to Chief Ray Wroblewski and his wife Eileen for the many years of managing the operations. I would like to recognize Chief Ray for his 45 years of dedication, John Minnaji for his 45 years of service, and K.B Bichsel for 35 years of training many firefighters in this area, including myself. Thank you to all the members who put in the long hours of training and providing fire protection to the Borough of Chalfant over the years. Fire departments throughout the state are merging. The largest cause of this is the lack of residents stepping up to volunteer. The decision to close the fire department was not easy and did not come lightly. The Fire department tried multiple times throughout the years to recruit and retain volunteers. Although Ray and K.B would have kept going, the decision had to be made to close. The Fire service is going through a lot of changes and there are not enough volunteers. Fire fighters will start to be paid in the near future and it will be expensive. The contract with Forest Hills will not require a tax levy at least for a few years.

Chad Hoover

Chalfant Borough Council, President

A TRIBUTE TO STEVE OROSZ

The family of Steve Orosz, our former Mayor, thanks everyone for the love and support shown to them on the passing of their dear husband and father. The kind words shared about Steve, flowers, plants, and gifts were very much appreciated. Steve would be touched by the kindness expressed by so many. Special thanks to Mayor Jim Perry, Senator Jay Costa for the kind words expressed at Steve's memorial service. Thanks also to Ray Wroblewski for his support and representing the firemen in honor of Steve. Steve held Chalfant Fire Dept. near and dear to his heart being a former fireman himself.

Steve passed away peacefully on November 30, 2023, in his beloved town of Chalfant at the age of 92. Born on August 7, 1931, Steve's life was marked by his dedicated service to his country and his unwavering commitment to his community and his family.

Steve began his service to Chalfant as a young boy delivering papers, getting to know all the neighbors and seeing his town grow over the years from cows in vast open fields to properties being sold for \$25/lot. Steve was in the first class of Chalfant Elementary (now Crawford Engineering) and grew up in his now 100-year-old homestead just down the street. Steve also served his country with pride as a Sergeant in the Air Force during the Korean War. Upon his return, he pursued higher education at the University of Pittsburgh, graduating Cum Laude in just three years—a testament to his intellect and determination. Professionally, Steve had a long and respected career with PPG, where he excelled as an Employee Benefits Manager.

For those that had the pleasure of knowing Steve knew his dedication to our town and his neighbors. His passion for public service was evident through his many roles, including serving on the Chalfant Borough Council and as the esteemed Mayor of Chalfant for 24 years, during which he performed over 100 wedding ceremonies. His leadership and vision were instrumental in the well-being of the town he so loved. Steve was a former volunteer with the Chalfant Fire Department, a Founder of the Chalfant Crime Watch, Chalfant Servicemen's Officer, and former member and President of Allegheny County Mayor's Association.

From his youth, Steve was deeply involved in the Boy Scouts, achieving the prestigious Eagle Scout rank and later sharing his wisdom as the Scoutmaster for the Chalfant Boy Scout troop, a WEBELOS Scout Leader and Chalfant Little League Coach. As a younger councilman Steve was instrumental in the formation of an ice rink at the Chalfant Park where the baseball field now stands. His family can

remember him taking buckets of water over at night and filling in holes in the ice to ensure the ice was smooth and safe for the kids the next day. He truly loved his borough and neighbors.

In recognition of his selfless service, Steve was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from Senator Jay Costa and the PA Senate. His contributions to Chalfant were not just acts of duty but were driven by a genuine passion for the well-being of every resident.

Steve was the unofficial historian of Chalfant, preserving and sharing the rich tapestry of the town's past. The walls of Chalfant Community Center are evident of the hard work of photos and memories he worked so hard to preserve along with the help of Chalfant Council. More photos, and memories are now handed down to his daughter Luann, who is carrying on his legacy and chairing our Chalfant Crime Watch program.

Described as passionate and spirited, Steve's influence reached far and wide. His warm presence and unwavering spirit will be profoundly missed by all who knew him. Steve's love for his borough, neighbors and family always shined through.

Steve was a beacon of service and a testament to the impact one individual can have on a community. If Steve had any final words to say to us, it would be as recited by his daughter at his memorial service: See the good in everyone as everyone has good in them. When in doubt, pray and lastly, do right and you'll never go wrong. Chalfant lost a great man and leader and will be missed dearly. Rest in Peace Mayor Orosz and thank you for all you've done.

THE OROSZ FAMILY



GROUNDHOG DAY February 2



VALENTINE'S DAY February 14
ASH WEDNESDAY February 14



PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 19

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME March 10



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31



INCOME TAX DAY

April 15

PASSOVER

April 23 - April 30



CHALFANT
Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24th
from 1:00 - 3:30 pm
at the Community Center

Come out and meet the
Easter Bunny and get your
picture taken!!!

Egg Hunt
Entertainment
Treats
Prizes



