



2026 FALL NEWSLETTER



Hello Chalfant! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I wanted to start off the newsletter this time with the Calendar of Events since some of the events are fast approaching.

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| October | 23 | Trash collection and Farmers Market |
| | 30 | Trash collection and Farmers Market |
| | 31 | Trick or Treat 6pm to 8pm |
| | | Fire Safety Month! Check your smoke detector batteries |
| November | 1 | Daylight Savings Time ends (turn your clocks back 1 hour) |
| | 2 | Crime Watch meeting 6pm Community Center |
| | 3 | Election Day |
| | 6 | Trash collection |
| | 11 | Veterans Day |
| | 13 | Trash collection |
| | 20 | Trash collection |
| | | Leaf collection late November to early December (look for signs) |

	26 Thanksgiving
November	28 Trash collection
December	4 Hanukkah begins
	4-11-18 Trash collection
	5 Chalfant Light Up Night
	25 Christmas
	26 Trash collection
January	1 New Years Day
	2 Trash collection

REMINDERS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

PROPERTY TAXES

Owed Chalfant Borough Taxes are due by 12/31/2026 in the Penalty Amount. Postmarked after 12/31/2026, all unpaid taxes are turned over to Jordan Tax Services.

Woodland Hills School District Taxes are now in Face Amount until 10/31/2026. After 10/31/2026, payment will be in the Penalty Amount, unless you are paying Installment Payment. First installment payment is due 10/31/2026.

I CANNOT EMPHASIZE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ENOUGH:

1. Be sure your check or money order is postmarked by the due date.
2. Be sure your check or money order is properly written and endorsed. The bank will not accept an improperly signed check or money order. This could hold up your payment and put you in a higher payment bracket.
3. When you pay off your mortgage or change mortgage companies, you **MUST** (as the responsibility of the property owner) notify the Local Tax Collector, The Allegheny County Real Estate Tax Department (412-350-4100), and your homeowners insurance company of the new billing address. Neglecting to do this will result in you **NOT** receiving your tax bills. **REMEMBER**, not receiving a bill **DOES NOT** exempt you from paying your bill. It is your responsibility as the homeowner to make sure the proper Taxing Agencies receive the correct billing address.

ACT 50

Be sure to apply for the Homestead allowance if you live in your home and this is your primary residence. It is wise to submit the request by 12/31/2026 for the tax year 2027. You have until 3/1/2027 to get it submitted, but if you want to take advantage of the allowance on your County Taxes, it is wise to submit early. Allegheny County Taxes are mailed the last week of February. I have forms if you need one. Just call me or email me. (412-824-3283 or cadon4946@hotmail.com) If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

WISHING ALL A VERY COOL AND COLORFUL FALL, GREAT THANKSGIVING AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!!!!!

CRIME WATCH

Chalfant Crime Watch Meeting

Join us for an informative Crime Watch meeting featuring guest speaker Allegheny County Deputy Sheriff Tarap!

 **November 2nd**

 **6:00 PM**

 **Chalfant Community Center**
North Avenue, Chalfant

Deputy Sheriff Tarap will give an informative presentation covering a wide range of topics and valuable information to help you and your family stay safe and aware.

Following the presentation, we'll have a Q&A session, so bring your questions, concerns, and anything you'd like to discuss.

 **Pizza and drinks will be served!**

Come hungry, bring a friend, and join your neighbors for an evening focused on safety and our community. We hope to see you there!

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

Each October, communities across the nation observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), a time to raise awareness, support survivors, and promote healthy, respectful relationships.

Domestic violence can affect people of any age, gender, race, religion, or economic background. It may include physical, emotional, sexual, financial, or psychological abuse. By increasing awareness and reducing stigma, we can help survivors find safety, support, and hope.

National Domestic Violence Hotline (24/7, confidential)

Call: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Text: START to 88788

Pennsylvania and Local Resources

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) provides connections to local shelters, counseling, legal advocacy, and safety planning services throughout the Commonwealth. Find assistance through the statewide directory at PCADV.

Pennsylvania Domestic Violence Support Services offers information on victim assistance programs, emergency support, and referrals to local agencies. Learn more at PA Domestic Violence Support.

In an emergency or if someone is in immediate danger, call 911.

Together, we can help create a safer community and let survivors know they are not alone.

Joanne Bissell, Council Member

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

Drug addiction is a devastating crisis, and the predatory nature of the illicit drug trade that causes immense suffering and deaths worldwide.

What to Do in an Emergency...

If you witness an overdose or suspect dangerous, illegal activity, acting fast is vital:

Call 911 immediately to get emergency medical services and law enforcement to the scene.

Administer Naloxone (Narcan) if it is available and you suspect an opioid overdose.

Stay with the person until professional first responders arrive.

Help and Resources...

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use, free and confidential support is available 24/7:

SAMHSA National Helpline: Call or text 988 (in the US) to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, or call 1-800-662-4357 for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Resolve Crisis Center: 1-888-796-8226

Addicts need help but we also must remember to report any suspicious drug activity and those we know that are dealing. It's sad when profit takes precedence over people. You may call 911 to report issues, Allegheny County Sheriff DEA dept on 412-350-4700 or a tip line 412-255-8477. Please step up and you may save a life. Thank you, Chalfant Crime Watch.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN CHALFANT?

Neighbor, Bob Lasser, wanted to let everyone know that THE ALLEGHENY OBSERVATORY located on the North Side of Pittsburgh is a destination that should be on everyone's to do list. It is home to the new Keeler Telescope and two refractors as part of the University of Pittsburgh Physics and Astronomy Dept. If star gazing is in your future check their website for more

information. www.observatory.pitt.edu or phone 412-321-2400. They also have a live feed “all-sky camera” that updates an image once per minute from 7:15pm to 6:30 am. That link is on the web site. Can you say Nostradamus?

This year Chalfant’s Light Up Night on December 5th will be bigger and better than previous years. Look for this sign throughout the Borough and save the date! Guaranteed a good time!



MEMORIES

Joanne Bissell...

Chalfant had a summer lunch program in the 90s at Chalfant Park. Thanks to Doris L and Theresa B, the kids always had something to look forward to. The kids would all line up at the concession stand, then walk their lunches over to the pavilion to eat. At least once a week, my kids would ask Miss Doris to just give them chocolate milk, and she would reply, “You’ll take a whole lunch, and you’re going to eat it” (and they did!! Lol) After lunch, the kids would stay for hours and play kickball, baseball, and release. Chalfant was a place where so many memories and lifelong friends were made.

Evelyn Fullwood...

When I moved to Chalfant in June of 2000, I felt like I was always meant to be here. I have met so many wonderful people and made so many friends. Anne and Frank Kravetz were the first people to welcome me to the Borough. I always “joked” that they were the best dates I ever had

(but it was true). I had barely unpacked when Chalfant's Mayor at the time, Steve Orosz, knocked on my door with a smile and a handshake (plus valuable information!) Where else but in a small town would that happen? When I sit on my porch in the summer talking to my neighbors, I think how lucky I am to live in Chalfant, and I recall the good times I have had.

RECIPES FOR THOSE COLD FALL AND WINTER DAYS...

CHICKEN COBBLER

Butter a 9x13 pan. Set aside.

Mix together:

1 stick of butter (melted), 1 rotisserie chicken cubed, 1 large bag of peas and carrots, 2 cups chicken broth, and 1 can of cream of chicken soup (herb if you have it)

Pour into a buttered pan.

Mix together:

2 cups milk and 2 small bags of Bisquick garlic cheese mix. Mix well and pour over the chicken mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes

HEARTY BEEF SOUP

INGREDIENTS:

1-pound lean ground beef, 1 Tablespoon olive oil, 1 medium onion, chopped, 2-3 stalks celery, chopped (optional), 2 medium carrots, peeled and sliced, 2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced, 2 cloves garlic, minced, 1 can diced tomatoes, undrained (14.5 ounces), 2 tablespoons tomato paste, 4-5 cups beef broth or stock, 1 teaspoon dried oregano and thyme. Salt and pepper to taste.

Brown ground meat and onion in olive oil. Cook until the meat is browned. Drain off excess oils. Simmer garlic, celery, and carrots for about 3-5 minutes. Add to ground meat mixture; stir in the tomato paste, diced tomatoes with juice, beef broth, diced potatoes, oregano, thyme, and salt and pepper. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Cover and cook for 20 to 30 minutes until the potatoes and carrots are tender. Ladle into bowls and serve with crusty bread.

For a heartier soup, add a small pasta to your soup

2 INGREDIENT LEMON CAKE BARS

Ingredients

- 22 ounces lemon pie filling (21 ounce works fine)
- 1 box angel food cake mix needs to be the just add water kind - but do NOT add water, eggs, oil or any other ingredient!

Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.
 2. Spray a 13x9 baking dish with cooking spray.
 3. In a large bowl or using your stand mixer, mix together the lemon pie filling and the angel food cake mix until smooth with no lumps.
 4. Pour the mixture into your prepared baking dish. Smooth out the top with a spatula.
 5. Bake at 350 degrees for 28-35 minutes or until slightly golden.
 6. Top with powdered sugar if desired.
 7. Key Lime pie filling is delicious as well. Experiment with other flavors!
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BAKED APPLE CINNAMON ROLL DESERT

INGREDIENTS:

2 large CANS Pillsbury cinnamon rolls cut in quarters, Reserve the icing

2 cans apple pie filling

½ stick melted butter

GREASE A 9x13 pan

In a large bowl, mix 2 cans of apple pie filling. Butter and 1 can of quartered cinnamon rolls. Pour in the prepared pan. Sprinkle remaining quartered rolls on top and bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes (until the rolls are brown). Let cool. Then pour the reserved icing over the desert. ENJOY!

The next newsletter will feature Vegan recipes. If you have any favorites please drop them in the Borough mail slot and let me know if you want your name mentioned as the contributor.

CHALFANT BASEBALL FIELD DEDICATION

On October 3, 2026, Chalfant Borough Council dedicated the Chalfant ballfield in honor of Jim Perry at a ceremony held at the field. Jim founded the Chalfant Athletic Association in 1972 and ran the organization for over 25 years. The James S. Perry Baseball Field is a fitting tribute that will recognize Jim's lengthy service and contributions to the Association for future generations. After the ceremony, a baseball game was played between Woodland Hills and Squirrel Hill. Woodland Hills won !!!!!

