



CHALFANT BOROUGH

NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2024

Hello Everyone! Fall is upon us. The leaves are changing and the nights are getting cold. AND October is Fire Prevention Month. Have your furnace serviced to make sure it is safe to operate in the coming months. Install smoke alarms in your house if you haven't already and put fresh batteries in them to ensure they are in top working condition. Get your children involved by creating an escape route and practicing a fire drill. Educate your children to the dangers of playing with fire (matches) and make sure they know not to hide if a fire would break out. Kitchen fires are common so it is important that ALL family members learn how to use appliances safely and NEVER leave appliances unattended when cooking. Invest in the purchase of fire extinguishers and keep them regularly inspected and maintained. Lastly, store flammable materials

such as gasoline, paint, and cleaning products in a safe and well ventilated area away from heat sources.

Being a good neighbor can also prevent a catastrophic house fire. In September, an alert resident of Chalfant heard a smoke detector beeping near her house. She realized it was her next door neighbor and saw smoke curling out of the kitchen window. She immediately called 911 and fire trucks and emergency personnel responded within minutes. They gained entry to the house, took the dog to safety, and found a smoldering pan left on the stove. Luckily it was caught in time and a huge loss was avoided. Be that good neighbor and don't hesitate to call 911 about any suspicious incident.

CRIME WATCH also asks that you continue to report any suspicious activity when you see it to the police. See something, say something.

WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL TAX first installment reminder: the first WHSD 2024 tax year installment payment is due on October 31, 2024. Payments may be mailed with a postmark no later than October 31, 2024 or dropped off in the mail slot at the Borough Office at 144 Lynnwood Ave. by October 31, 2024. The second installment payment is due on January 31, 2025. Any questions please contact Carol Donahue at 412-824-3283 or email me at

cadon4946@hotmail.com Have a safe and great fall and winter! Carol Donahue, Chalfant Borough Tax Collector.

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY this year is being hosted by the Wilkins Elks Lodge and the Wilkins Twp Police. It will take place at the Elks Lodge, 728 Brown Ave. in Wilkins Twp. on Saturday October 26th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All old, OTC drugs and prescription drugs (including pets) will be accepted. Bring them as they are (no need to remove labels) and deposit them into the boxes provided. **PLEASE NO LIQUIDS OR NEEDLES!!**

HALLOWEEN is celebrated on October 31st (Thursday) this year with Trick or Treat from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. As always, the Fire and Police Departments will be patrolling the streets to make sure everyone is safe. Put your porch light on if you are participating, and make sure your sidewalks are clear of any debris to keep the Trick or Treaters safe.

ELECTION DAY is on November 5th this year. Chalfant voters use the Chalfant Community Center at 218 North Avenue. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you have any questions about voting, contact the Allegheny County Elections Division at 412-350-4500 or web site **alleghenycounty.us/government/elections**

LEAF COLLECTION will be sometime in November. No official date has been selected. Look for signs and social media announcements.

LIGHT UP NIGHT is scheduled for December 14th. Decorate your house for the Holidays and automatically be entered in the contest. First place will be a cash prize and second and third place will be awarded gift cards. Judging will be by an impartial non-resident.

STEVE OROSZ This section of the Newsletter is dedicated to our former mayor, Steve Orosz, who died November 30, 2023. His family wanted to share a message from Steve. For those of you living in Chalfant during Steve's tenure you may remember his monthly newsletter entitled "Message from your Mayor." Steve's family was sorting through some of his belongings when a letter was found in a book. His daughter felt it was clearly her dad's message from Heaven and his last "Message from your Mayor." She and her mother were sure the former Mayor would have liked this shared with residents old and new.

"To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life. Our purpose is to build in this nation a human society not an economic system. In taking revenge, a man is but equal to his enemy, but in passing it over, he is superior. Thinking constructively is the hardest work there is and that

is why so few engage in it. Life of man is but a point in time. Let us enjoy it while it lasts and not spend it foolishly. Practice forgiveness and always do what is right. Love your enemies, and if you find that hard just pray for them. Think good and positive thoughts always.” Steve Orosz

Also in honor and remembrance of Steve, his family presented a memorial bench to the Borough. The family thanks Mayor Perry and Chalfant Council for placing the bench at the Community Center and also for adding an engraved tribute to Steve.



FYI Snow removal time is right around the corner. It is the homeowner's obligation to remove the snow from their sidewalks within 24 hours and to refrain from tossing it in the street. Help your neighbors if at all possible.

Garbage is picked up on Friday morning unless a Holiday precludes that. If any garbage has escaped its container PLEASE pick it up (no matter who is to blame).

There is a Crossing Guard opening in Chalfant. You may contact the Borough Manager, Stephanie Schwoegl, at 412-823-6500 for more information.

The Borough's parking regulations are being enforced. On Highland Ave. between Chalfant St. and Shadeland Ave. parking is prohibited on the north side of the street (even house #s). Between Brighton St and Chalfant St parking is prohibited on the south side of the street (odd #s). And as always NO PARKING on sidewalks, yellow lines and neighbors' designated handicap spots.

MOVIE NIGHT was a huge success! We had a decent turnout in spite of the foreboding weather. Everyone enjoyed "Hocus Pocus," the snacks, and the fun. Thanks to Lauren Sivak for orchestrating the event, Owen Lilac for his expertise with setting up the equipment, Diane Hillen and LuAnn Bouvier for their contributions to the evening's operations, and to members of Council and our community for their support. This success paves the way to do it again next year!



Owen Lilac/AV Squad



**Fun Stuff/Kennedy & Kendall Visco
LuAnn Bouvier & unidentified young man**



**Snacks/Lauren Sivak &
Diane Hillen**



Almost Dark! Show time!

Just a reminder that garbage collection the week of Thanksgiving 2024 will be on Saturday, November 30th. Garbage the week of Christmas 2024 will be on Saturday, December 28th. New Years 2025 garbage collection will be on Saturday, January 4th.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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