



JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Hello Chalfant!! The warm weather is finally here to stay. Whichever way you look at it (the Meteorological summer started June 1st and the Astronomical summer started on June 21st) it's SUMMER! So make plans to enjoy every day and if you're looking for something to do I have listed the events calendar first and some other suggestions.

JUNE 25 I Scream Truck at Chalfant Park 4:30

JULY Farmers Market every Friday from 4 pm until 7 pm through October/ Westinghouse Lodge
4 Independence Day
10 I Scream Truck Chalfant Park 4:30
11 Wilkins Twp Party in the Park 12 pm to 2 pm Eastmont Park
11 Union Pacific Big Boy 4014 steam engine train travels through Turtle Creek Valley at 11 am

AUGUST Farmers Market every Friday, 4 pm until 7 pm, Westinghouse Lodge
8 Churchill Community Day. Wilkins Twp Party in the Park, Lions Park, 12 pm to 2 pm.
20 First day of school for Woodland Hills grades 1-12. See WHSD.net for more information.

SEPTEMBER Farmers Market every Friday, 4 pm until 7 pm, Westinghouse Lodge
11 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
20 Yom Kippur begins at sundown
22 First day of Fall

There are many more events in our area, I am sure. Check Facebook for local listings. There are always fun things to do at the CC Mellor Libraries, and check out RADPass.org for exciting and FREE admission to destinations in Allegheny County. If you are planning a family/friends get together, make sure to consider renting our beautiful Chalfant Park or our Community Center. Call Lauren Sivak at 412-526-2671 for more information and to set your date. Also, subscribe to Savvy Citizen to be notified of local events.

FYI - Parkway East Closure

Are you familiar with the expression “temporary inconvenience, permanent improvement”? Here is the big one. The Parkway East Project is set to close the Parkway for 25 days beginning July 10th through August 3rd. The Parkway East will be closed to ALL traffic from the Wilkinsburg exit (78B) to Forbes Avenue/Oakland exit (72A). The 25-day closure is to allow the completion of the Commercial Street Bridge Replacement project. All I-376 traffic must exit at Wilkinsburg and Forbes Avenue/Oakland. Single lane access will be provided to Squirrel Hill/Edgewood for local traffic only. Significant delays are anticipated on detour routes. PennDOT recommends that motorists plan extra time and consider alternative routes.

FYI - Union Pacific Big Boy 4014

Who doesn't like the sight and sound of a train? They're huge and powerful, inspiring awe and respect. This summer, Union Pacific Railroad's BigBoy 4014 will be touring the Northeast United States. Big Boy 4014 is one of 25 steam locomotives built for Union Pacific in 1941 to haul heavy equipment in support of the war effort. Big Boy 4014 is the only one left that is operable. On July 11th, we will have the opportunity to see Big Boy when "he" chugs through the Turtle Creek Valley at approximately 11:00 am. He will be travelling on the Norfolk Southern line, which runs roughly parallel to Wilmerding Airbrake Ave. and Penn Ave. through Turtle Creek and East Pittsburgh. Pick your spot to see the world's only operating steam locomotive, but please stay back at least 25 feet from the tracks!! Go to [UP.com](https://www.up.com) for more information on the history and tour of Big Boy 4014.

FYI - Diane Hillen/Permits and Ordinances

Code Enforcement is in place to ensure compliance with ordinances and codes related to property maintenance within the Borough, and includes enforcing standards for safety, health, and aesthetics for both residential and commercial properties. From dealing with everyday eyesores, to dangers to constituent wellbeing, Code Enforcement is instrumental in preventing urban blight (a deteriorated condition), which in turn affects all property owners in the Borough. Code Officers are very receptive to conversation and to assist in finding solutions.

Borough ordinances are available to view on our Borough website at chalfantborough-pa.org and Turtle Creek Valley COG's document, Clarifying the Code, Additional Considerations for the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code, can be found here: [Clarifying the Code - Considerations for IPMC 2021 v.3](#)

FYI - Joanne Bissell/Parks and Borough Property

Community Park Feedback Snapshot

*This summary was AI-generated based on all of the information collected from the surveys to avoid any unintentional bias.

Residents shared a wide range of ideas about the future of our community park. Many enjoy the park as it is—especially the walking loop and exercise stations—while others highlighted opportunities for improvement. Common suggestions included replacing the removed playground equipment (particularly for older kids) and adding more exercise stations. Several residents also requested a smoother walking path and the removal or repurposing of unused structures. Feedback about dogs in the park was mixed: some would like designated dog-friendly hours, while others expressed concerns about off-leash behavior and cleanup. Maintenance needs were also noted, including litter pickup and more frequent cleaning of equipment. One of the strongest themes was a desire to bring back community events such as movie nights, concerts, and seasonal gatherings, with interest in both family-friendly and adult-focused programming. Residents also expressed enthusiasm for beautification efforts like planting native trees, removing invasive species, and organizing volunteer cleanup days. Additional ideas included pickleball courts, a small spray park, and improved safety measures such as increased police presence and better enforcement of parking rules.

Overall, the residents rated the park 3.5/5 on cleanliness, grounds upkeep, equipment, and safety/lighting.

FYI - Carol Donahue/Tax Collector

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR: The Woodland Hills School Tax will be mailed on July 1, 2026. You will find that there is an increase in your 2026 tax bill. The millage has gone from 27.83 to 29.08. This is an increase of 1.25 mills. Please read the insert from the School District that is included with your bill. This will give you the information regarding Installment payments and the deadlines for these payments. Due to the processing of mail by the post office, if making your payment by mail and a few days prior to the deadline date, please take your payment into the post office and have them hand stamp your payment envelope. **WE TAX COLLECTORS MUST GO BY POSTMARK DATE ON YOUR ENVELOPE FOR PAYMENT TO BE ACCEPTED AT DEADLINE DATE.** Envelopes with a postmark date later than the deadline date (ex: August 31, 2026) will be subject to the Face payment. All payments dropped off at the Office must be at the Office no later than NOON on September 1, 2026. That will be the last pick up eligible for the Discount payment. This procedure also can be applied to those having their bank issue their tax payment. Some banks disperse only one day a week. Be sure to contact your bank to be sure your payment will have the deadline postmark and be issued in a timely manner. When making Installment payments the same rule applies (ex: first installment due October 31, 2026) your payment must be postmarked October 31, 2026. If it has a later postmark, your payment is subject to the 10 percent penalty. If you drop your payment at the Office, the last pickup for those payments is NOON November 1, 2026. Important Dates to mark your calendar for tax mailings:

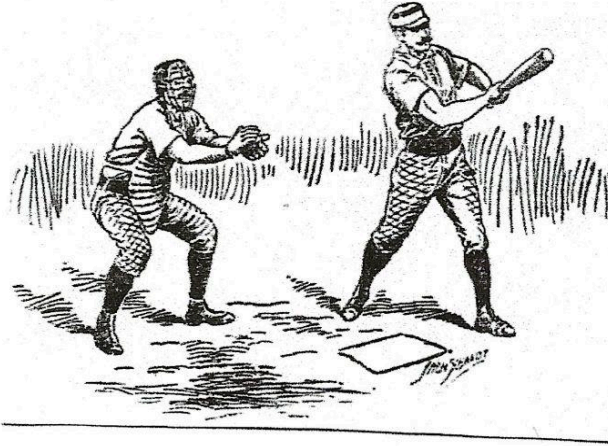
- February 28.....Allegheny County Tax Bill
- March 1.....Chalfant Borough Tax Bill
- July 1.....Woodland Hills School Tax Bill

Due to the increased number of incorrect tax payments and costs associated with issuing refunds, the borough finds it necessary to enact a new policy. Refunds will no longer be automatically processed for overpayments of \$10.00 or less for Borough Real Estate Tax. Property owners must now request a refund in writing for any payment in the amount of \$10.00 or less. Overpayments of less than \$1.00 will not be refunded. I can't stress enough the responsibility of the property owner to first notify the Allegheny County Real Estate office (412-350-4100) of any billing address change. Secondly, contact your local tax office (412-824-3283 or email-cadon4946@hotmail.com: email preferred) of a new mailing address; whether by paying off a mortgage, refinancing, or moving and property being rented. Third, contact your Homeowners insurance for a change in the billing address. **NOT RECEIVING A TAX BILL DOES NOT EXCLUDE YOU FROM PAYING YOUR TAXES.** The WHSD 2026 Taxes will be mailed on July 1, 2026. Discount Payments must be paid by August 31, 2026. I will be at the Borough Office (144 Lynnwood Avenue) on August 18th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th, and 31st, from 5PM to 6PM. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 412-824-3283 or email cadon4946@hotmail.com

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!!

FYI- Chalfant Borough Council meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please join us. We do our best to answer your questions and concerns.

I want to close this Summer newsletter with a poem very befitting of the season. Casey At The Bat was written by Ernest Lawrence Thayer and was first published in the San Francisco Daily Examiner in 1888. It has stood the test of time, and I hope you will enjoy it as much as I do!



CASEY AT THE BAT by Ernest Lawrence Thayer

It looked extremely rocky for the Mudville nine that day;
The score stood four to six with just an inning left to play;
And so, when Cooney died at first, and Burrows did the same,
A pallor wreathed the features of the patrons of the game.

A straggling few got up to go, leaving there the rest
With that hope that springs eternal within the human breast;
For they thought if only Casey could get one whack, at that
They'd put up even money, with Casey at the bat.

But Flynn preceded Casey, and so likewise did Blake,
But the former was a pudding, and the latter was a fake;
So on that stricken multitude a death-like silence sat,
For there seemed but little chance of Casey's getting to the bat.

But Flynn let drive a single to the wonderment of all,
And the much-despised Blaikie tore the cover off the ball;
And when the dust had lifted, and they saw what had occurred,
There was Blaikie safe on second and Flynn a-hugging third!

Then from the gladdened multitude went up a joyous yell,
It bounded from the mountain-top, and rattled in the dell,
It struck upon the hillside, and rebounded on the flat;
For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place,
There was pride in Casey's bearing, and a smile on Casey's face;
And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat,
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat.

Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt,
Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt;
Then, while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip,
Defiance glanced in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip.

And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air,
And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there;
Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped:
"That ain't my style," said Casey. "Strike one," the umpire said.

From the benches, black with people, there went up a muffled roar,
Like the beating of the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore;
"Kill him! Kill the umpire!" shouted some one in the stand.
And it's likely they'd have killed him had not Casey raised his hand.

With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's visage shone;
He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;
He signaled to the pitcher, and once more the spheroid flew,
But Casey still ignored it; and the umpire said, "Strike two."

"Fraud!" cried the maddened thousands, and the echo answered,
"Fraud!"
But the scornful look from Casey, and the audience was awed;
They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,
And they knew that Casey wouldn't let that ball go by again.

The sneer is gone from Casey's lip, his teeth are clenched with hate;
He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate;
And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go,
And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey's blow.

Oh, somewhere in this favoured land the sun is shining bright,
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout;
But there is no joy in Mudville—mighty Casey has struck out.

