



CHALFANT BOROUGH NEWSLETTER APRIL MAY JUNE 2025

“In the Spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”

Margaret Atwood

Canadian Author

Bring on the sunshine, the birds and bees and the early Spring flowers! This year, the first day of Spring is March 20th. Time to erase Winter from your yard, plant bulbs, and reacquaint yourself with the neighbors you haven't seen since last Fall. But along with the beauty of the season comes the necessary obligations of living in a community. I'll get to those after I list the Calendar of Events and some noteworthy dates for the next three months,

APRIL

- 1 April Fools Day and National Fun Day**
- 3 Chalfant street sweeping (DO NOT park on street if possible)**

- 12 Chalfant Easter Egg Hunt and Passover begins**
- 15 Income Tax deadline**
- 18 Good Friday**
- 20 Easter**
- 22 Earth Day**
- 25 Arbor Day**
- 26 Redd Up Day**
- 27 Rain day for Redd Up Day**
- 29 National Shrimp Scampi Day**
- !! Phipps Conservatory Spring Flower Show now until 4/20/25.
Opens at 9:30 am every day.**
- !! Support your favorite Church, firehall, or local Fish Fry until
4/18/25 (inclusive)**

MAY

- 3 Forest Hills Garden Club plant sale at the Forest Hills Pool
Lodge 10 am. to 2 pm.**
- 5 Cinco De Mayo**
- 11 Mothers Day**
- 14 National Dance Like a Chicken Day**
- 20 Primary Election (polls open 7 am to 7 pm)**
- 23 Forest Hills Farmers Market opens**
- 26 Memorial Day**

JUNE

- 4 National Hug Your Cat Day**
- 14 Flag Day**
- 15 Fathers Day**

- 19 Juneteenth**
- 20 First Day of Summer**
- 30 World Social Media Day**

SPRING/SUMMER REMINDERS

This is the time of year especially to think about the safety of your home. Clean your dryer vents and lint traps. Test all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and install fresh batteries. It is a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher in the home. They should also be tested to make sure they are properly charged. Clean gutters, drains, and downspouts to avoid wet basements.

The Growing Season is upon us. Keep your lawn mowed no higher than 10 inches and weeds under control. Keep shrubs and trees pruned back away from streets and sidewalks. Bag your clippings for trash day. Please don't dump them over hills or in empty lots! Swissvale Garbage will take most rubbish (within reason) but NO items with electric cords or gas. No paint or noxious liquids.

Trash is to be placed out no earlier than 24 hours before garbage day. Empty cans must be removed from the street/sidewalk no later than 24 hours after pickup. ALL trash must be bagged, even in cans, and placed at the curb.

Dumpsters require a permit. If you are planning to acquire a dumpster you must obtain a permit. Dumpster permits are free for the first 30 days if the dumpster is located on private property (driveway) and \$30 per month after the first 30 days. Dumpsters placed on public property (street) require both a permit and a \$30 per month fee. Contact the Borough Office at 412-823-6500 to obtain a permit prior to acquiring a dumpster.

All Borough streets are designated as public parking. No one is entitled to a specific parking space unless handicapped. Contact the

Borough Office to see about handicap parking. DO NOT block resident sidewalks, driveways, or parking pads. Parking on sidewalks is prohibited. Vehicles parked on Borough streets exhibiting expired stickers, no plates, or deemed inoperable are subject to tickets and/or tow.

Chalfant has a noise ordinance between the hours of 10 pm. and 6 am. Also a 9:45 pm curfew for minors under 18 (some exceptions).

Our Borough park is open from dawn to dusk. Be respectful of handicap parking at the park. Again...NO dogs permitted in the park. There are trash cans available for your refuse.

REDD UP DAY

This year our annual clean up day is on April 26th. If you would like to volunteer, please meet at the Community Center, North Ave. at 10:00 a.m. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Borough Council and Crime Watch are sponsoring this year's Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on April 12th from 1:00 pm. to 3:00 pm. at the Chalfant Community Center. This fun afternoon will feature entertainment, prizes, a fire truck and a visit from the EASTER BUNNY!! Refreshments provided. The egg hunt starts promptly at 1:00. Don't be late! See you there.



FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

***Upcoming tax deadlines for Chalfant Borough property owners:**

3rd installment payment of the 2024 Woodland Hills School tax is due on March 31, 2025.

According to the Allegheny County website, the “discount” deadline for your County taxes is April 30, 2025. This was extended from March 31, 2025.

The Chalfant Borough 2025 taxes paid at discount are due April 30, 2025.

The 2025 Woodland Hills School taxes will be mailed on July 1, 2025.

***Home owners who qualify for the Homestead Exclusion:**

If you own your home and reside in your home, you may qualify for the Homestead Exclusion which will reduce your Allegheny County and Woodland Hills School taxes. This form is available from me or on the Allegheny County website. Form for exclusion for tax year 2026 must be filed by March 1, 2026. It is better to file around December or January 2026 to be sure the exclusion gets applied before the issuing of tax bills. If you have any questions, please contact me at 412-824-3283 or email at cadon494@hotmail.com This does not apply to rental properties. Only properties where the owner of that property resides on a permanent basis.

***Questions regarding adding and or eliminating names on a deed:**

Anytime you need to make a change to your property deed, whether removing a deceased spouse, adding a child’s name or any other changes to your original deed, you must contact a lawyer for the proper steps to achieve this objective. The Tax Collector cannot be of any legal assistance to such transactions.

HAVE A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE SPRING/SUMMER

PROPERTY TAX OR RENT REBATE PROGRAM

Every year the State offers a Property Tax or Rent Rebate program for monies paid the previous year. This year's claim period is for 2024. The PA1000 form can be downloaded and printed off the State website or obtained at Representative Salisbury's office in Braddock. The Maximum Standard Income Level is \$46,520 per household and the filing deadline is June 30, 2025. See form for more detailed instructions.

CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

The CAEC's mission is to advise their member municipalities (Chalfant, Churchill, Forest Hills, and Wilkins) on matters of environmental interest and importance. Periodically the CAEC develops and distributes advisories on environmental issues affecting our communities. In 2020 the Council published Green Space: The Ever Important Role; in 2022 they published Invasive Plants: What's In My Yard and in 2024, Coexisting with Wildlife. For access to these advisories and more please visit the CAEC website at...

www.churchillborough.com/community/around-town/the-churchill-area-environmental-council. If you are interested in joining the CAEC please email us at churchillareaenvcouncil@gmail.com

CONCLUSION

Chalfant Borough Council meets the SECOND Wednesday of the month. Use the Citizen Participation segment to air any comments or questions you might have concerning the Borough.

The Primary Election is May 20th. Exercise your voting privilege. All elections are important! Polls open 7 am to 7 pm at the Community Center.

This time of year, the door-to-door salesmen traverse the streets of Chalfant. A permit is required to solicit in the borough. Residents do not need to open their doors or provide information to solicitors. If you believe a solicitor is unauthorized to be in the borough, please dial 911.

And lastly...SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Call 911 if you have a bad feeling or a suspicion about an activity in the Borough or if you are a witness to an illegal act. You have the right to remain anonymous.

P.S.

MY FAVORITE EASTER MEAL

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| Baked ham (cold or warm) | Kielbasa with Lemon |
| Paska | Easter Cheese |
| Potato Salad | Nut Roll |
| Beets & Horseradish | |

*****Easter Cheese (cirak, sirecz, hrudka) Recipe**

| Sweet | Savory |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 12 large eggs | 12 large eggs |
| 1 quart whole milk | 1 quart whole milk |
| ¾ cup white sugar | salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 Tbsp vanilla | 1 tsp vanilla |
| Dash of nutmeg | |

Beat eggs until well mixed. Transfer to a double boiler; stir in milk and other ingredients. Cook over medium heat for 30 minutes or so constantly stirring with a slotted metal spoon to prevent scorching.

When the mixture looks like cooked scrambled eggs pour it carefully into a cheesecloth lined colander. Carefully gather the ends of the cheesecloth in your hands and pull them together until the cheese forms into a ball. Tie the cheesecloth tightly at the top of the ball. Tie the loose ends over a faucet and let the whey drip off for at least 3 hours. Untie the cheesecloth and wrap the ball in plastic wrap and refrigerate. It will keep at least a week. Slice to serve.

*****Horseradish and Beets recipe**

3-15 oz. cans plain beets (drained and chopped fine)

6 oz. jarred horseradish

1 Tbsp brown sugar

¼ tsp salt

1 tsp white vinegar

Dash of garlic powder and black pepper

Blend all ingredients. Serve as a condiment. Refrigerate.

*****Kielbasa with Lemon recipe**

12-14 oz. pkg of your favorite Polska Kielbasa

2 lemons (or more to taste)

Cut the Kielbasa into “coin” sized pieces. Transfer to a saute pan. Squeeze lemons and add juice to Kielbasa. You can also add sliced leftover lemons to the pan. Saute until nicely caramelized. If desired, add another squeeze of lemon before serving.

