



CHALFANT BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH

2025

Happy New Year Chalfant! We hope 2025 finds everyone healthy and prosperous! There are not many changes in the Borough for 2025. This newsletter is mainly a reiteration of Borough policies, along with a list of Council member contacts and informational articles.

Chalfant Borough's website is a 24-7 resource to provide residents access to documents, minutes, newsletters, our community calendar and other pertinent information. www.chalfantborough-pa.org

The Borough also utilizes the Savvy Citizen platform to allow emergency notifications, community updates, as well as news from neighboring communities. Go to the Savvy Citizen website and follow the prompts for Android or Apple phone.

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Who Do I Call?

Residents often wonder which member of Council to call for specific needs. Generally, these are the areas that get the most inquiries:

I have a question about trash collection. Who do I call? Lauren Sivak handles this under Health and Community Engagement.

I want to do work on my property. Do I need a permit? Diane Hillen handles all issues pertaining to permits as well as ordinances.

I have a question about Borough streets or lighting. Brandon Sauter handles these issues under Roads and Public Works.

I have a question about storm drains, sewers or ambulance service. Derrick Royster can assist you with Public Safety.

I have a question or idea for the Newsletter. Evelyn Fullwood will consider any contributions under Administrative.

I need to request a no lien letter. This can be obtained through the Borough Manager Stephanie Schwoegl.

I have a question about my taxes. Carol Donahue, Tax Collector, will assist with your questions and concerns.

I am interested in renting the Park Pavilion or Community Center. Len Wroblewski handles the Community Center and Stephanie Schwoegl, Borough Manager, takes care of the Park Pavilion rental.

2025 Holiday Garbage Collection

Regular garbage collection is Friday. Please do not place trash to the curb earlier than 24 hours prior to collection date. Due to Holidays throughout the year, the following dates will result in Swissvale’s DPW collecting trash on Saturday instead of Friday.

Holiday	Pickup Day
Memorial Day.....	Saturday May 31st
Independence Day.....	Saturday July 5th
Labor Day.....	Saturday September 6th
Thanksgiving Day.....	Saturday November 29th
Christmas Day.....	Saturday December 27th
New Year’s Day.....	Saturday January 3rd (2026)

- Residents are reminded that all household refuse must be properly bagged in trash bags designated for waste disposal and the opening securely knotted to avoid spillage. Even bags that are placed in cans are lifted out and tossed in the garbage truck. Containers that are over 40 gallons and loose garbage will not be collected. For more information on acceptable household refuse, call the Borough office or visit the Borough Ordinance Chapter 20/Solid Waste on the borough website under “Ordinances.”**

Winter Snow Reminders

Residents are reminded that Borough Ordinance Chapter 21, Part 3 requires that:

- **Sidewalks are shoveled within 24 hours of a snowfall. We ask that residents do their best to clear a path for the safety of other residents or visitors. Scatter salt, sand or other abrasive.**
- **When shoveling your sidewalk or driveway DO NOT cast snow into the street or around a fire hydrant.**
- **It is imperative the snow plows do their job. If you have a driveway please park there so the plows have clear and easy access to ALL of the street.**
- **If you plan to be away from home for an extended time please make arrangements to have your sidewalk maintained.**
- **And lastly (this is not an ordinance) be kind and thoughtful to your elderly or handicapped neighbors and shovel for them if they are not able.**

Parking/Speed Reminder

This is a reminder that on-street parking is public parking and spaces on the street may not be reserved with chairs or cones. Please utilize off-street parking and driveways. Be considerate of your neighbors and do not block driveways. State law prohibits parking on sidewalks. Chalfant Ordinance Chapter 15 Part 2 sets the speed limit at 20 MPH for all Borough streets.

Tax Information

Happy New Year!! May this be a safe and healthy New Year for all! The Chalfant Borough tax for 2025 will remain at 8.9 Mills. There is no tax increase for 2025. Chalfant Borough Taxes will be mailed on March 1, 2025. If you don't receive a bill, please contact me at 412-824-3283 or

email me at cadon4946@hotmail.com and I will mail you a bill. Not receiving a bill DOES NOT excuse you from paying your taxes. The Discount hours for paying your Chalfant Borough taxes will be listed on the billing. You may pay in person, mail your payment or drop your payment off in the Borough Office mail slot located at 144 Lynnwood Avenue, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112. The Tax Office receives calls from 9AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday. My number is 412-824-3283. Calls received on the weekend will be returned the following Monday morning.

Thank You, Carol Donahue, Chalfant Borough Tax Collector

Is It Illegal To Feed The Deer?

Yes, it is illegal to intentionally feed deer in Pennsylvania (PA Code 21.116) and Chalfant has an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer as well.

Feeding wildlife:

It is illegal to feed wildlife, including deer, without written permission from the Pennsylvania Game Commission. This includes placing food, fruit, hay, grain, chemicals, salt, or other minerals.

Causing animals to congregate:

It is also illegal to intentionally place food that causes big game to congregate in an area.

Protecting wildlife:

The Game Commission asks residents not to feed deer because it can increase the risk of disease transmission. Diseases that can be spread include CWD, mange, bovine tuberculosis, and lactic acidosis.

Protecting humans:

Feeding deer can also put humans at risk, such as when bears expect handouts from people or are near their homes. Instead of feeding wildlife, you can consider planting native vegetation to provide food and cover. You

can contact your local Game Commission office for more information on how to create wildlife habitat. Phone 1-833-742-9453

Info/Interest/Activities

* The Churchill Area Environmental Council is an eco-minded organization dedicated to assessing and improving the environmental impact of the communities of Chalfant, Churchill, Forest Hills and Wilkins. Their mission is to advise member municipalities and their residents on matters of environmental interest and importance. Periodically the Council develops and distributes advisories on environmental issues affecting our communities. Please visit the CAEC's web page for more information and archive of advisories. www.churchillborough.com/community and scroll down to The Churchill Area Environmental Council. If you are interested in joining the CAEC please email churchillareaenvcouncil@gmail.com

* The 2024 Pennsylvania Property Tax or Rent Rebate forms are now available. They can be picked up at Representative Salisbury's office at 501 Braddock Ave., Braddock PA or completed online by going to revenue.pa.gov and scrolling down to Property/Rent Rebate.

* Representative Abigail Salisbury's office is the hub for all types of information from job fairs to Veteran's benefits info to info on applying for medical benefits. Her office is located at 501 Braddock Ave., Braddock, PA 15104. Her phone number is 412-273-3400. Her hours are 9:00 to 4:30 and closed Saturday and Sunday.

Crime Watch

There are four words to remember when thinking about crime in the Borough: SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. When you see

something happening that looks shady or “not quite right” go with your instincts and call 911. It can be a non-emergency call but please make a report so the police can be aware of the issue. You can also let Crimewatch, the Mayor and Council know about your suspicions. Know your neighbors. Check on senior citizens who may live alone. If you suspect elder abuse, child abuse or animal abuse call the authorities. You can choose to remain anonymous. Speak up for those who may not be able to.

The next Crimewatch event will be “Redd-Up-Day” in April (to be announced in Savvy Citizen). Join Crimewatch and Council to clean up the Borough. Show you care and keep our Borough looking nice.

*** We are very lucky to have access to two amazing libraries in our area. Both offer a wide variety of programs and activities for youngsters, teens, and adults. The Braddock Carnegie Library is located at 526 Braddock Avenue in Braddock (hours 9-5 Monday through Friday) and 519 Penn Avenue in Turtle Creek (hours 9-4 Monday through Thursday). The C. C. Mellor Memorial Library is located at 1 Pennwood Avenue in Edgewood (hours Monday-Thursday 10-8, Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4, closed Sunday). The Forest Hills branch is located at 4400 Greensburg Pike in Forest Hills. They are closed Monday, Tuesday 10-5, closed on Wednesday, Thursday 12-7, closed on Friday, Saturday 10-5, and closed on Sunday.**

Light Up The Borough

**Chalfant celebrated the Christmas Holiday with Light Up The Borough night on December 14th 2024. The judges were able to pick 3 winners out of all the beautifully decorated houses in Chalfant. The 3 prizes went to:
First Place - Chris and Gina Haenel (Whoville the Grinch)
Second Place - The Sidorovich Family (Christmas Beauty)
Third Place - The Pearce Family (Very Merry and Bright)**

And Honorable Mention - Dave and Melissa Nolf (Skeleton Decor)

The festivities were visited by Merry Old Saint Nick, his Elf and that naughty green troublemaker himself The Grinch!! Chalfant sends out a special thank you to the Forest Hills Fire Department and their Police for participation in the event. Also a thank you to the Judges from our neighboring boroughs for their contribution. It was a great time only to be outdone by Light Up The Borough 2025!!

Important Dates

January	20th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February	2nd	Groundhog Day (keep your fingers crossed)
	14th	Valentine's Day
	17th	Presidents' Day
March	5th	Ash Wednesday (Fish Fries start YUM)
	9th	Daylight Savings Time (set clocks 1 hr ahead)
	13th	Purim begins at Sundown
	17th	St. Patrick's Day
	20th	First day of Spring

The next Newsletter will be published in early April.

REMEMBER! See Something, Say Something.

Chalfant Council meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Community Center. Please attend. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Light Up the Borough Pictures:



