



# CHALFANT BOROUGH NEWSLETTER WINTER 2011

**ANNUAL OCCUPANCY REPORT:** Enclosed with this newsletter is your annual occupancy report. All homeowners and landlords are **required by borough ordinance** to complete this form once a year. Please complete yours and return it to the borough office at 144 Lynnwood St. NO LATER than February 28.

Also, be aware that an occupancy **inspection** must be done **each time** a home is sold or there is a change in tenants – contact the borough office (412-824-6500) for the inspection form.

## **WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR!**

We are still looking for someone who would be willing to put together our borough newsletter 3 times a year. Please call Laurie Williams (412-829-2341) for more information.

**TAX REDUCTION:** As you may know, we had to raise our millage by 1 point to 7.9 for 2010 because of increased sewer repair costs for last year. As anticipated, we were able to reduce our taxes back to 6.9 for 2011.

**CHALFANT VFC news:** As a fire prevention service to the residents of Chalfant, the Chalfant volunteer fire department is offering in home heat sensor camera inspections. The heat sensor camera will identify any hot spots that may become a problem or potentially cause a fire. Please note that the inspection is advisory only, and must be verified by a professional contractor. The fire department will also upon request perform a carbon monoxide inspection. We would like to ask for but do not require a donation for services. For more information please call the fire department @ 412-829-7415; leave a message and your call will be returned.

The Chalfant Volunteer Fire Company is looking for volunteers to help with fundraisers or events. A volunteer does not have to "get on the truck" unless you want to! For more information or to see how you may help, stop in at the fire hall Thursday evenings @ 7:00pm to talk to us.

**A PAINTING TO HONOR those who served in World War II** was donated by CFU Lodge 14 and presented to council by Bob and Joanne Baburich. It is now hanging in the community center.

**WEBSITE and new newsletter option:** Our new website is in the process of being created and should be online by the end of February/beginning of March. Therefore, beginning with our spring/summer newsletter you will have the option of accessing and reading/downloading the newsletter via the website instead of receiving a hard copy through the mail. Please send an e-mail to [boroughsecretary@chalfantborough.comcastbiz.net](mailto:boroughsecretary@chalfantborough.comcastbiz.net) with your name and street address if you would like to be taken off the mailing list for future newsletters. Once it is "live", our website address will be [www.chalfantborough.org](http://www.chalfantborough.org) .

**GARBAGE COLLECTION:** The weeks of Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day we will have pickup one day late, on Thursday instead of Wednesday. Garbage pickup will NOT be affected following Easter Sunday, Christmas or New Year's Day. Please note that when a national holiday falls on a weekend day, our garbage collection is NOT delayed. We will have our regular Wednesday pickup the day before Thanksgiving.

Please do not put your cans out on the curb more than 24 hours in advance, and remove them within 24 hours of pick up.

**WINTER WEATHER:**

- Remember that sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours of a snowfall.
- When shoveling your sidewalk or driveway, DO NOT shovel the snow into the street.
- Also, in the event of a significant snowfall, if you have a driveway, please park there, so snowplows can more effectively clear our streets.

**VOLUNTEERS** with or without green thumbs are needed to help with planting at the park and on North Ave. Call Bob Lasser (412-823-8233).

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** We are looking for citizens to serve on a planning commission for the borough. This commission would serve as an advisory board to council for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any comprehensive plan, subdivision and land development ordinance, zoning ordinance, PRD provisions or official maps.

**THE ANNUAL REDD-UP CHALFANT DAY** is being planned for Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 1-4 PM. Circle that date on your calendar and come out to help clean up the boro. Call Bob Lasser at 412-823-8233 for more information and to volunteer.

**OFFICE HOURS:** For the convenience of our residents, the borough secretary will be in the office each week on Monday from 6-7 p.m. except the week of our council meetings (the second Wednesday of each month.) Please call first (412-823-6500) before you go.

**TAX COLLECTOR:** Our tax collector, Bob Baburich, collects taxes at the borough office at 144 Lynnwood on Wednesday and Thursday evenings 7-8 p.m. If you choose to mail your taxes, send them to 239 North Avenue, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112.

**BORO TRIVIA QUESTION** (courtesy of our former mayor, Steve Orosz): Chalfant will be 100 years old on 12/14/2014. During that time 113 persons served on Council. Q - How many women served on Council? A - Nine. Pauline Hardek was the first, from 1964-67; followed by Dolores Repic, 1973-76; Dorrie Seko, 1976-78; Diane Kostic, 1980-86; Trudy Martin, 1992; Laurie Williams, 1997-Present; Andree Ruth, 2003-06; Luann Orosz, 2006-08; and our 113th person is Annette Simek, 2010 - Present. Laurie Williams is our current President of Council, and is the only woman to hold that position.

**NEW CAEC REPRESENTATIVE:** Wendy Rocco has become Chalfant's new representative to the Churchill Area Environmental Council. Thanks for volunteering, Wendy!

**CHALFANT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION** baseball (T-ball through Pony League) sign up: February 6, 1-4 p.m. at the Community Center. Contact Diane Hillen, 412-823-5359 if you have any questions.

## **Chalfant Borough Names and Numbers**

**Borough office address: 144 Lynnwood Avenue East Pittsburgh, PA 15112**

### **Secretary**

Kirsten Schwoegl

Available in office: Mondays 6-7 p.m. (except council meeting weeks noted below) and by appointment

**Phone: 412-823-6500 Fax: 412-229-8304**

### **Mayor**

Jim Perry 412-823-8197

### **Council President**

Laurie Williams 412-829-2341

### **Council Members**

Mark Swinney 412-824-8375 - Vice President, Road Department

Mike Sperduto 412-824-5616 - Treasurer, Permits & Ordinances

Tom Kasardo 412-829-2730 - Public Safety (Police and Fire)

Bob Lasser 412-823-8233 - Borough Property & Recreation

Chad Hoover 412-477-5618 - Health & Sanitation

Annette Simek 412-824-3261 - Administration

Tax Collector: Robert Baburich 412-823-9689

Solicitor: G. N. Evashavik

Engineer: Glenn Engineering & Associates

Ordinance Officer: Phil Dodge 412-823-0202

Volunteer Fire Chief: Ray Wroblewski

Constable: William Fisher

Fire Marshall: Mark Sauter

Police: Forest Hills Police Department Emergency & Non-emergency - 911

Council meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center on North Avenue.

Remaining meeting dates for 2011:

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14