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Borough Council Committees Updates

Your Borough Council Committees have been hard at work. This newsletter contains updates from the Committees.

Finance Chair Mayor Wood, Members Sue Timmins (Borough Treasurer) and Laura Lim
Staffing, Audits and Community Contributions

- For the first time, a 401K matching contribution plan will be established for our two full-time employees (\$3,000.00).
- The Borough will conduct a 2019/2020 fire company audit (\$9,000.00) on the Fire Tax, Local Service Tax, and Borough contributions.
- The borough will fund \$80,000.00 (\$50,000.00 from the Local Service Tax and \$30,000.00 from revenue) to the Volunteer Fire Company.
- The borough will also will contribute \$18,000.00 for a one time request for a water rescue vehicle and training to the volunteer fire company.
- Our annual Rachel Kohl Library contribution will increase from \$12,655.00 to \$17,000.00.

The Borough's MS-4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) mapping was approved by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The MS4 program was initiated at the State level to reduce the amount of sediment, nitrates and phosphorous that storm water run-off carries to our streams. The Borough has allocated \$35,000.00 to determine which existing storm water management facilities in the Borough can be retro-fitted to reduce sediment transport, and then to proceed with the necessary construction for the water quality up-grades.

The Tax Reassessment and its impact

With 2020 being a tax assessment year, the finance committee worked with our tax collector and Associations of Boroughs in Harrisburg's financial representatives to determine the millage for the property tax and fire tax.

Background: In March, 2017, Delaware County was ordered by the Court to conduct a countywide property tax reassessment, with an effective date of the 2021 tax year. In more than three years since that date, the county, through its chosen vendor, Tyler Technologies, is coming to the end of this process. On December 1, 2020, the Borough received official word of the new assessment figure of \$483,943,955 down from \$215,720,129 in 2020.

Tax revenue in the 2021 Budget is the same as what was projected in the 2020 Budget. As you all know, the Borough has reduced millage for the past two years. The tax collector has indicated that the actual dollars and cents figure for 2021 is very difficult to predict because of the hundreds of tax assessment appeals yet to be determined by the County. However, Council members realize that 2021 will be a difficult year for many residents because although the millage rate has been recalculated to remain the same as 2020, individual assessments may have doubled. The longer you've owned your home, the worse it may be.

In accordance with state statute and after consulting the solicitor, the Borough has done the necessary calculations to determine the **“net neutral” millage. That millage is 0.20058 for the Borough property tax and 0.1782 for the Fire tax.**

The School District fiscal year runs July 1-June 30. Those taxes are being calculated and you will receive them this summer.

Borough Property, Parks and Open Space

Chair Drew Baum, Members Laura Lim and Bob Adams

In Spring 2020, during a private friend and family, socially distanced event, a white dogwood tree was planted near the flag in the Community Park in celebration of the life of former Mayor Stacey Smith. The tree will be officially dedicated when we have a ribbon cutting for the new playground. Keep reading for information on that!

Chester Heights Council and the Parks Committee has turned their attention to our much-loved Chester Heights Community Park. The park is 7 acres of property that currently is not maximizing its potential. Our existing “park area” is a well-loved but 20-year-old playground equipment designed for 5-12 year old age group; we are also behind on current ADA compliant regulations. The modernization plan will include replacing the 20 year old playground

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Borough Council Committees Updates *continued from previous page*

equipment, add a 2- to 5-year-old section, and expand the playground area to include stationary play equipment, like the purple dinosaur. We will also move the picnic tables to the back of the play area where they will be naturally shaded by the park's mature trees.

In preparation for this level of effort, we have coordinated with Matt Houtmann, our Borough Engineer, to provide us with ADA/All Access guidelines to ensure the new playground foot traffic areas will be 100% ADA/all-access compliant. For example, the walkway from the parking lot to the park area will be widened and the elevation will be modified to be accessible by a wheelchair per ADA standards. This also means removing the existing telephone poles and 4x4 posts, which will create an "open floor plan" completely covered by mulch specifically used for play areas and wheelchair friendly. We are also adding two "harness swings" for children with disabilities.



Figure 2 2-5 Year Old Play Station



Figure 1 5-12 Year Old Play Station

Our current parking lot and soccer field is well maintained. The soccer field is geared towards the younger ages due to its smaller size. In the fall and winter seasons, the soccer field is not usable during the late afternoon/evening hours due to darkness as the park has no outdoor lighting. Our modernization plan also includes investigating the feasibility of lighting and associated electrical connections to the parking lot and soccer field.

We began to expand the park's accessible foot trafficking area last fall by cleaning up trash, removing fallen branches, removing dangerous tree limbs, spraying and removing poison ivy and planting grass seed in the area directly left of the parking lot. Our goal for 2021 is to continue that expansion effort of accessible foot trafficking area by removing the tall bushes directly to the right of the soccer field, grooming that ground and ultimately planting grass.

Another effort for our park is to establish a "meandering" walking trail. The trail will take you into the wooded area at the right of the parking lot, meander away from the road and along the length of the soccer field, behind the soccer then come out along the back of the soccer field. A part of the trail will be 1 to 2 small bridges that crosses over the small stream that runs along the property.

In 2020, the borough had a big initiative, and was successful in buying 11 acres (**Darlington Creek**) to secure open space in the borough. The sale price was \$350,000 and we were fortunate to receive grants totaling more than half the purchase price. The final cost to the

borough is about \$75,000! Darlington Creek Open Space will need a Use Plan drafted which defines an open space maintenance plan and maps out possible passive trails; this is budgeted for this year.

DiSalvo Park, which is located at the corner of Llewellyn Road and Valleybrook Road, was included this year in our budget for modernization and upgrades. This initiative is to bring lighting, water and seasonal decorations to the sign to help enhance DiSalvo Park, where our Borough of Chester Heights sign is located. You may have already noticed some of those updates.

Historical Committee

Chair Sue Timmins, Members Fred Wood, Dave Firkser, Anthony Ieradi, Anne Searl

The Chester Heights Historical Society dismantled around 2015, as of now, it is a goal to get a few dedicated individuals to work with what we have. The Borough has all the documents and materials, what we need is dedicated and interested community members to take the reins of the independent organization. Please contact Sue Timmins with any questions and interest.

Goals for 2021:

- Currently working on an exterior exhibit plaque for the DiSalvo Park which would focus on the Curran's Stand, the DiSalvo Family and the Early Chester Heights Fire Company.
- Take inventory of historic photos from the Allen Teal and Dottie Freeman Collection, that was given to the borough in 2010 and reproduce photos.
- Collaborating with local historic organizations - Friends of Olde Saint Thomas and Chester Heights Camp Meeting.
- Laura Lim will be reaching out to residents who own historically significant homes in the borough to discuss having commemorative signage on their homes. This was done in the early years of the Borough's history and most signs are faded and/or lost. As the Borough celebrates 75 years of incorporation, this is the perfect time to commemorate our historically significant homes.

Events Committee Chair Mayor Wood, Members Ginamarie Ellis and Natalie Anderson

The Mayor's Event Committee is planning several exciting events for this year, provided the situation with COVID-19 has improved sufficiently for the State guidelines to allow more engagement with our community.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will **not** be held this year because we are uncertain as to what the State's COVID-19 guidelines will be in the next 45 days. In addition, the Borough Park will be closing as soon as the weather will allow contractors to access the grounds to complete the renovations of the playground. We are expecting work to begin this spring.

As we proceed into the summer and fall months, we are planning several events, including:

1. Your Mayor is planning to hold the annual Memorial Day Service at the Borough Park, May 31. We are hoping the local VFW will be able to muster several veterans to perform this service. If this is not possible the Mayor will conduct a brief service to honor our courageous deceased veterans.

- Council Member Ginamarie Ellis is leading a team to plan one or two drive-in (or sit socially distanced in the grass!) movie nights at St. Thomas Church's parking lot and field. They are looking at dates in June and August. This activity is dependent on the State and County's guidelines for COVID-19.
- Borough of Chester Heights Anniversary Event is being planned for this fall in the September – October time frame. We are looking for someone with leadership skills and a passion for our Borough to lead the planning and execution of this event. Interested persons should send their contact information and thoughts to your Mayor at mayor@chesterheights.org. We are hoping for a revitalize Chester Heights Historical Association to help play a role at this event. This activity is dependent on the State and County's guidelines for COVID-19.

School District, Library

Chair Susan Clarke, Members Ginamarie Ellis, Dave Firkser

In March, Mr. Chestnut, one of our School Board Representatives, reported on a utility work project for Spring of 2021 that will affect the Garnet Valley School District in 3 parts:

- The entrance to the high school at Smithbridge Road will be reconfigured.
- Second, there will be a trail installed from the Garnet Valley High School, past the Library, to the Garnet Valley Middle School.
- Third, a round-about at Smithbridge Road and Kirk Road intersection will be installed. This project(s) may close Smithbridge Road for 4 to 6 weeks.

In September, Mr. Chestnut reported that the Garnet Valley School District filed an appeal with the County Board of Assessment for the process they used for the recent property tax reassessment. The school district feels the commercial properties in the borough are undervalued which will cause an unfair and unnecessary shift of tax burden on residents.

Both the Garnet Valley School District and the Rachel Kohl Library made several schedule and operating adjustments during the year in response to the COVID pandemic.

Planning/Zoning Chair Susan Clarke, Members Drew Baum, Dave Firkser

Please see separate article on the Powell Property and the desire of the owners to develop it.

In September, the Zoning Hearing Board met to review a proposal for a new, state of the art, environmentally friendly, extreme car wash known as the Wave Car Wash at the corner of Valleybrook Road and Route 1 (104-106 Baltimore Pike). A second hearing was held in October. Main concerns with the development were traffic, water run-off, noise, and lighting. The Zoning Hearing Board approved the car wash with conditions in November. The car wash proposal will now have to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Borough Council before final approval.

Engineering/Construction/Inspections Chair Susan Clarke Member Natalie Anderson

Inspections: The Borough issued 136 permits for building, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and use and occupancy inspections in 2020.

Engineering: Ivy Lane was repaved in 2020 and a storm sewer drain was repaired on Heather Lane. The Borough's MS4 Plan was created and approved (see Finance Committee report).

Construction: In September, the Arbour Square (Summit at Glen Mills) escrow account was closed out officially concluding this successful development project.

The Lenape Valley development at Miller Way on Lenni Road sold out all 15 single-family homes. Development is expected to be complete in 2021.

In November, Council approved a lot line change for the Rosehill development located at the corner of Lenni and Llewellyn Roads. This development of 33 townhomes, approved in 2015 with minor modifications in 2019, is expected to get underway in 2021.

The Brookefield development of 77 townhomes at Valleybrook and Smithbridge Road, approved in 2015, is nearing completion.

Wawa's project at Blossom Hill to create the Grahame Wood Center for Servant Leadership (240 Wawa Rd) is completed and awaiting final escrow release.

Nominating/Vacancy Chair Dave Firkser, Member Drew Baum

Council Member Theresa Agostinelli resigned and was replaced by Natalie Anderson

Council member Steven Coccozza resigned and was replaced by Bob Adams

Zoning Board member Cynthia McNichols resigned and was replaced by Natalie Young

Library Board member Greg Chestnut retired and was replaced by Debbie Miller

As of this writing, the Borough's alternate solicitor, Pete Rohana is retiring and we will be looking for a qualified solicitor to take his place. The alternate solicitor handles all legal matters where our solicitor has a conflict.

Highways Chair Dave Firkser, Member Larry Ward

Ivy Ln was re-paved in 2020

New speed sign poles on Lenni Rd & Llewellyn Rd will be installed before the end of March (weather permitting) to address resident's concerns about speeding vehicles, specifically an increase in speeding trucks. After a public bid process, the Borough entered into a contract with Mor Construction for snow removal and salting for 2021.

Fire Co Finance Chair Dave Firkser, Member Drew Baum

The Borough has approved Water Rescue Training and Water Craft for the Chester Heights Fire Department. Phase 1 training has already occurred with 10 members trained and an additional 6-10 members to be trained this spring. Additional specialized training in boat handling and will take place before a new boat is purchased for Chester Heights. This initiative was kickstarted by major flash flooding this past summer in the Borough. Our CHFC was ill-prepared to rescue residents because they did not have the proper equipment and were forced to wait for assistance from neighboring emergency services. While we hope we don't have to deal with future flash flooding, we are happy our first responders will be equipped and prepared should they be faced with that type of emergency in the future.

Borough Council Committees Updates *continued from previous page*

Public Utilities, Trash, Recycle Chair Laura Lim, Members Natalie Anderson, Ginamarie Ellis

Save the Date! Our next recycling event is scheduled for September 11 from 9 am-12 pm at the Community Park.

Last year's recycling day was a huge success! We had the most community members participate and the most items turned in. We think everyone was home and took advantage of the COVID restrictions to clean out and organize! We are so pleased to continue to offer the recycling event that began as an Eagle Scout project for Cory Furlong, the son of our Tax Collector, Maryann Furlong in 2008. Cory continued to run the recycling event all through his college years. In 2013 former Mayor Mark Carroll and current Mayor Fred Wood took over the event for borough residents. Thank you, Cory for starting Recycling Day!

Communications Chair Ginamarie Ellis, Member Laura Lim

The Communications Committee is the voice behind the Borough's Facebook page and the emails you receive updating you on what's happening around the community. Chances are if you are reading it, we wrote it or edited it! We continue to increase our social media following and strive to share relevant content with you all. As of this writing, we have 1,160 FB followers with a reach of over 15,000- thank you! We write and edit this newsletter twice a year. Our big undertaking in 2021 is a second redesign of the Borough's website in three years. Through our paid membership to the PA State Association of Boroughs, we receive a deeply discounted rate on website design. Our goal is to make the website easy to navigate and easy to find the information you need. This expense is already in the committee budget and won't exceed \$400.

Stray Animal Contract Update:

The finance committee reviewed the costs of our contract with the Brandywine Valley SPCA versus our use of the contract and determined that the borough was not getting enough use of the contract to justify the spend. After careful research and public meetings to discuss our options, the Borough cancelled the contract with BVSPCA and is now contracted with Allen Strickler and Derr Dog Pound. To report a Stray Dog found within Chester Heights, please call the borough office at 610.459.3400 or email info@chesterheights.org or darlene.kurten@chesterheights.org. After hours and on the weekends, please call Allen Strickler at 610.656.9636.



REMINDERS! The following roads belong Chester Heights Borough, please contact the borough if there are downed trees and/or concerns: BONNIE LN, HEATHER LN, HIGHLAND DR, IVY LN, LOGTOWN RD, MATTSON RD, MILDRED LN, ROLLING HEIGHTS LN, SUMMIT LN, THISTLE LN, WALNUT HILL BL, and WILSON CR.

Is there a pot hole on any road not listed above? 1-800-FIX-ROAD for PennDOT. You can also report PennDOT issues directly on their website.

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Powell Property Development

In January 2020, the Borough received the following letter from the lawyer representing Lorraine Powell. Three of the documents referenced are here for you to see, the rest can be found on the Borough's website.

Dear Susan:

Please be advised that I represent Lorraine B. Powell, owner of certain lands on Valleybrook Road and Smithbridge Road consisting of 62.654 acres as shown on an aerial photograph enclosed herewith entitled "Powell Property" Chester Heights Borough with existing property lines and proposed property lines shown on the aerial photograph. [see exhibit 2] My client intends to subdivide and then reverse subdivide the Property to create the 62.654 shown on Plan entitled "Valleyview: an Open Space Community Sketch Plan" (Sheets 2 of 3 and 3 of 3) enclosed herewith (the "Sketch Plan") (the "Property"). Also enclosed is a Site Analysis Plan.

My client proposes to develop 13.73 acres of the property with 8 duplex townhouses and 12 triplex townhouses (total 52 units) and dedicate the balance of 48.924 acres to the Borough of Chester Heights as "Common Open Space", all as shown on the Sketch Plan. The former Powell residence house is part of the Common Open Space and would be part of the dedication to the Borough of Chester Heights.

The developed area will have access to Smithbridge Road and an emergency access to Valleybrook Road. The property is zoned R-1A except for a small portion fronting on Smithbridge Road which is zoned B Business as shown on the Site Analysis Plan (Sheet 1 of 3).

The development portion of the property would be served by public water and public sewer.

The proposed development would require that the property be zoned to Planned Residential Development ("PRD") under the Chester Heights Borough Zoning Ordinance. As stated in the PRD Ordinance, the purposes of Planned Residential Development are in part: "To recognize the need for rational direction for increasing urbanization and to meet the growing demand for housing of all types while at the same time minimize the loss of open countryside; to preserve the semirural atmosphere of the Borough; to forestall inadequacies to community services and facilities, and to protect property values in the existing residential areas." In addition, as provided in the Purposes subparagraph (e), "to encourage more flexible land development which respect and conserve natural resources such as streams, lakes floodplains, ground water, wooded areas, steeply sloped areas, and areas of unusual beauty or importance to the natural ecosystem."

The Plan meets the development standards of the PRD District as set forth in Section 185-61 of the Planned Residential District in that (a) the PRD must have a minimum of 50 acres and 62.654 acres are provided; (b) the units would be single family semidetached and attached units; (c) the maximum density permitted under the PRD Ordinance is 4 units per acre or a total of 248 units wherein only 52 units are proposed; (d) under the PRD Ordinance not less than 70% of the total area of a PRD shall be devoted to open space and the proposed open space is projected to be 77%.

We respectfully request at an informal presentation of the proposed Plan be placed on Borough Council's agenda for its reorganization meeting scheduled for January 6, 2020. Please confirm that the matter will be placed on the agenda.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH A. DAMICO, JR.



Exhibit 2-

This is the aerial view of the Powell Property. It straddles both sides of Valleybrook Rd and includes a large wooded area behind The Village of Valleybrook, greenspace backing up to Willits Way, with most of the frontage on Valleybrook Rd



Exhibit 5-

This is the sketch with proposed carriage cluster homes, totaling 52 homes on 13.7 acres. Much of the development is on the current meadow and additional tree plantings are proposed. The total open space is 48.55 acres proposed to be given to the Borough as permanent Open Space



Exhibit 6- by right plan with 23 single family homes. This plan follows the current zoning with no PRD. It has 7 homes in a cul-de-sac behind The Village of Valleybrook, 8 homes backing to Valleybrook Rd and Willits Way and 6 homes on the current meadow. There is no public open space in this plan.

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Powell Property Development

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The presentation occurred in front of Council with community questions and input included. The presentation with further questions being addressed occurred again in November 2020. All the coordinating documents and audio recordings of those meetings are on the Borough's home page.

Facts worth noting:

- Applicant presented a sketch plan under the Borough's Code.
- Applicant's sketch plan was designed by Thomas Committa and Associates, a well known town and land planner with 47 years experience. [bio can be found on the Borough website]
- Applicant is donating the open space of 48.552 acres which will be dedicated to the Borough at no cost. For perspective, the Borough purchased 11 acres in 2020 for \$350,000, most of which was covered with grant money.
- Borough's consultant, Natural Land Trust, is currently in favor of the sketch plan and developing the property as a PRD with the donation of 48+ acres.

Council understands that the Powell Property will be sold and developed by the owners. As the town planning sketches have illustrated, the property will either be 23 homes and no public open space through a zoning by-right plan or through a PRD with 52 cluster homes and 48.552 acres of permanent open space given to the Borough.

Addresses in Chester Heights Borough

Did you know that one of the responsibilities of the Fire Marshal is to name and number streets and addresses within the Borough? He is also our liaison to the local postal delivery centers. Having lived in the Borough for many years, we asked him to write this info piece to explain answers to questions he fields frequently.

Chester Heights Borough, Delaware County is approximately 2.2 square miles. Within Chester Heights Borough we have "mailing addresses" and "physical addresses."

There are eight (8) Zip Codes presently used for mail delivery only. These are Aston-19014, Boothwyn-19061, Chester Heights-19017 (PO Boxes only), Glen Mills-19342, Garnet Valley-19060, Lenni-19052, Media-19063 and Wawa-19063.

There are some GPS programs that show Chester Heights with a Marcus Hook label. This was caused by the Secretary Treasurer back in 1970's. She had the Borough Mail forwarded to her place of business in Marcus Hook. Hence, from that point on, all PO Box residences were reclassified as Marcus Hook. From my own personal experience, I have found Google Maps to be the most accurate.

The one main problem that plagues residents today is parcel deliveries. When ordering on-line, Chester Heights is not recognized by the vendors. It merely shows up as "address unknown". The easiest way to have packages delivered from UPS, FedEx or Amazon is to open an "Account" with them. In the context of the form insert your address and directions to your home. They will ask for cross streets near your home. There is no cost associated with your request.

New residents are always confounded by their new location. The Contractor registers your home with the appropriate post office. Your Deed has a wealth of information. Taxes are paid to Delaware County, Chester Heights Borough and Garnet Valley School District.

New Residents with the Aston zip code be mindful that Aston has a wage tax.

Always check your pay stub for all deductions.

In conclusion, I have tried to keep this article concise and factual. Chester Heights will never have mail uniformly delivered under one zip code. The USPS would have to commit to a distribution center, vehicles, and more employees. This is unattainable today. The complexities of changing deeds, bank accounts, tax records, credit cards, drivers' licenses, pass ports, car registrations, social security etc., would be a nightmare.

I hope this alleviates some of the issues you may encounter.



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There is such a home at 277 W. Baltimore Pike in Chester Heights. This magnificent property is known as Mardon. It is situated on an original William Penn land grant which was given to a man named Drant. This grant was given somewhere between 1600 and 1630.

The original portion of the home, circa 1700, was built for Drant's caretaker. An additional room was constructed in 1730.

Among the owners was one Dr. Elwood Wilson, who resided in the home around 1850.

The property comprises a total area of 2.834 acres. Frontage consists of approximately 435 feet along Baltimore Pike.

This unique property, with approximately 8,000 square feet, could lend itself to various uses.

For 25 years the home was used as the Darlington Fine Arts Center. The historic home could be used as a bed and breakfast, antique shop or private residence. The possibilities are endless.

Upon entering this home you will be greeted by the stunning fireplace which is a focal point of the living room. This fireplace is one of several throughout the home.

A Ben Franklin wood stove is another unique feature.

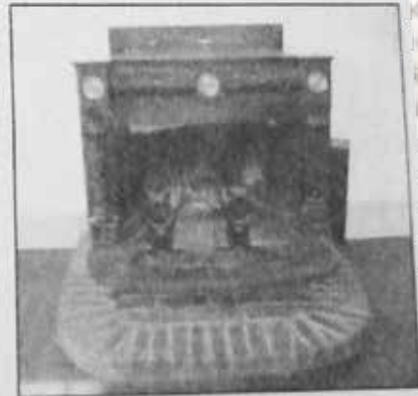
The master bedroom is one of five bed-



This historic home at 277 W. Baltimore Pike in Chester Heights is known as Mardon. The property is situated on an original William Penn land grant.



This room has plenty of possibilities.



The Franklin wood stove.



One of several fireplaces in the house. This one is in the livingroom.

rooms. Besides having a charming, cozy fireplace this bedroom has its own half bath. The home has a total of 3½ baths.

This 16-room home includes an eat-in kitchen with a cook top, as well as a wall oven for cooking those special meals.

Also included are exciting "extras": a den/study/library, great room, workshop, game/media room and two studios.

Hardwood floors, tile floors, bay windows, a security system and other amenities can be found throughout the home.

The outside of the property has as much to offer as the inside. On this partially-wooded, 2.8 acre lot you will find not only a front yard, but a rear yard with a charming courtyard.

Ample parking for those who want to visit and take in your exquisite new investment is an added perk.

The property is offered at \$389,900.

If you are interested in owning this historic home, please call Coldwell Banker Preferred in West Chester at 610-429-4400.

'Slinky' brainchild of former countian

Slinky Inventor lived right here!

Slinky, the worm-like coil toy that has fascinated children all over the world for the past 30 years, was the brainchild of a former county resident.

Richard T. James, a marine engineer who lived in Chester Heights from 1926 to 1939, designed the toy as he sought during World War II to perfect a spring that would keep sensitive instruments on U. S. warships free from vibration given off by gunfire and propeller shafts.

The idea for a toy that would walk down steps actually came to him by accident.

He had tried and tested hundreds of springs of different sizes and tensions and made a habit of piling them on his desk at the Cramp Shipbuilding Co. One of the springs was accidentally jarred loose by impact one day in 1942 and began a slithering motion.

It caught James' eye and he sensed the commercial possibilities of such a toy.

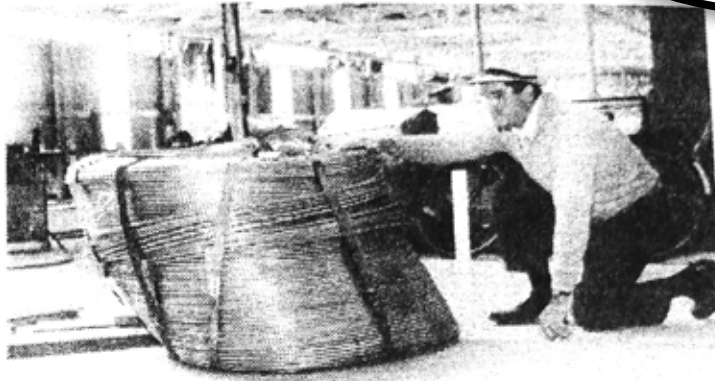
He immediately obtained a government patent but it wasn't until the summer of 1945 that he decided to back up his idea with every cent of his savings.

He found a machine shop that would make the 2½-inch stack of coils and ordered all that he could afford. He called his firm James Industries and for several years was located in Clifton Heights. The plant is now in Hollidaysburg and remains in the family.

It wasn't easy to sell the Slinky idea to businessmen, as James soon discovered.

One storekeeper, informed that the toy could walk down stairs, snapped to James:

"This is the atomic age in toys. Kids want big, bright, fancy things with lots of color and lights. An old beat up spring! We couldn't give that thing away if it played God Bless America and picked the daily double at Hialeah as it walked



Richard James, in one of his last photos, is shown with fabric of cable resembling his Slinky.

November of 1945 he got a toy buyer in a department store to give him space on the end of a counter to demonstrate the toy.

The toy caught on like wildfire. Every child that passed seemed to plead with parents for one of the contraptions.

More than 400 were sold at the outset, 20,000 before Christmas and more than a quarter million the next 12 months.

Millions have been sold in the ensuing years.

Samuel James, a brother employed at Wolff's Apple House on Pennell Road, Middletown, says his brother was the type of person who could always get things done.

"I remember a Sunday morning hike in Chester Heights when Richard found an old abandoned 1923 Buick car," he said. "He was only 13 years old at the time but he was determined to fix up the car. It was full of wild cherry seeds and mice. It was a mess. But he got it to run and he sold it for \$25."

The Slinky, now brightly painted and still enjoying wide popularity, is simply a ribbon of steel 79 feet long, wound so the loops have zero tension or compression — a condition in which the loops would as soon

When idle, Slinky resembles a stack of piston rings.

The toy enabled James to realize a childhood dream of becoming a wealthy man by the time he was 40. But that fortune, James told the Chester Rotary Club in May of 1956, had only brought him sorrow. He told the Rotarians he had finally turned to the Bible and found fulfillment.

James, who attended the old Chester Heights grade school and was graduated from Penn State College in 1939, resigned as president of the toy firm in 1960 and went to Bolivia to work for the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Much of his wealth was spent in erecting churches and doing other missionary work in that part of the world.

In 1969 he turned to a Bolivian copper ore firm for employment. He died in Bolivia July 15, 1974, at the age of 56.



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ANNUAL BUDGET

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Delaware County

for the year

1946

Schedules A, B and C

Prepared and submitted pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 320, approved June 6, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Schedule A
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Source of Receipts	1945 Actual	1946 Estimated	1947 Estimated	1948 Estimated	1949 Estimated
Cash balance for appropriation		2,774.94			
A. Taxes from current levy		2,224.14			
B. Taxes of prior years		2,127.48			
C. From miscellaneous sources		1,743.62			
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND CASH		6,646.18			

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Program or Classification	1945 Actual	1946 Estimated	1947 Estimated	1948 Estimated	1949 Estimated
A. Operation, Maintenance, and Capital Expenditures		6,646.18			
B. Provisions for Pension and Property		1,430.00			
C. Health and Sanitation		777.00			
D. Highways		1,842.00			
E. Library and Recreation		114.00			
F. Miscellaneous		114.00			
G. Capital Expenditures (not included in total operating expenditures)					
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		6,646.18			

SINKING FUND
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Source of Receipts	1945 Actual	1946 Estimated	1947 Estimated	1948 Estimated	1949 Estimated
Cash balance at beginning of year					
1946 Total current receipts					
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND BALANCE					

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Source of Expenditures	1945 Actual	1946 Estimated	1947 Estimated	1948 Estimated	1949 Estimated
Cash balance at beginning of year					
1946 Total current expenditures					
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES AND BALANCE					

WATER FUND
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Source of Receipts	1945 Actual	1946 Estimated	1947 Estimated	1948 Estimated	1949 Estimated
Cash balance for appropriation					
1946 Total current receipts					
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND CASH					

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Source of Expenditures	1945 Actual	1946 Estimated	1947 Estimated	1948 Estimated	1949 Estimated
1946 Total estimated expenditures					
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES AND BALANCE					

Schedule B
DETAILED STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Source of Receipts	1945 Actual	1946 Estimated	1947 Estimated	1948 Estimated	1949 Estimated
CASH FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
Cash to Start at Beginning of Year		2,774.94			
A. Late collecting checks or notes		2,127.48			
B. Not cash balance		2,127.48			
OPERATING RECEIPTS					
1946 Total Current Levy		2,224.14			
A. Real estate		2,224.14			
(1) Total levy on 2nd valuation		2,224.14			
(2) Total levy on 3rd valuation		2,224.14			
(3) Total amount from real estate tax		2,224.14			
B. Operation		2,224.14			
(1) Total levy on 2nd valuation		2,224.14			
(2) Total amount from operation tax		2,224.14			
TOTAL FROM CURRENT LEVY		4,448.28			
Taxes of Prior Years					
A. From late collecting or delinquents unpaid prior to January 1, 1946		2,127.48			
B. From late collecting or delinquents unpaid prior to January 1, 1945		2,127.48			
C. From late collecting or delinquents unpaid prior to January 1, 1944		2,127.48			
From Miscellaneous Sources					
A. This is to include all other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
B. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
C. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
D. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
E. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
F. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
G. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
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U. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
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W. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
X. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
Y. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
Z. From interest and other miscellaneous receipts		1,743.62			
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND BALANCE		6,646.18			

GENERAL FUND
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Program or Classification	1945 Actual	1946 Estimated	1947 Estimated	1948 Estimated	1949 Estimated
I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
A. Administration		6,646.18			
a. Salaries and wages		2,224.14			
(1) Regular		2,224.14			
(2) Overtime		2,224.14			
(3) Seasonal		2,224.14			
(4) Temporary		2,224.14			
(5) Special		2,224.14			
(6) Director		2,224.14			
(7) Clerical or other employees		2,224.14			
b. Salaries and wages		2,224.14			
c. Operating expenses and supplies		2,224.14			
d. Office supplies and equipment		2,224.14			
e. Printing and other miscellaneous expenses		2,224.14			
f. Telephone		2,224.14			
g. Travel		2,224.14			
h. Stationery and office supplies		2,224.14			
i. Printing and other miscellaneous expenses		2,224.14			
j. Telephone		2,224.14			
k. Travel		2,224.14			
l. Stationery and office supplies		2,224.14			
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aa. Travel		2,224.14			
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Chester Heights HISTORIC PRESERVATION

an excerpt from the Borough's most recent Comprehensive Plan

Chester Heights Borough's heritage is reflected in its many historic homes, natural landscapes, historic homes, and remnants of rural industry. Many older communities in Delaware County and the Philadelphia region recognize that if they are to thrive in the future, they should not ignore their heritage but embrace and build upon it. In doing so, these communities are preserving the unique character of their architecture and neighborhoods, while fostering community pride and encouraging the economic development potential of their historic resources. They are also providing a framework for making appropriate revitalization and design decisions for the future.

Historic preservation is the act of safeguarding resources that are fifty years old or older and are important to individuals, their communities, or possibly the nation. Historic resources can include any all or a portion of a community's built environment, be it a building, neighborhood or a district, but also other aspects of a community's culture beyond the built environments such as parks, landscapes and archaeological resources, which are artifacts of the past buried underground. Some of these resources beyond historic buildings can be significant, and their protection should also be considered.

Municipalities who value their roots foster a stronger sense of community identity. Since Chester Heights still exhibits much of its history through the built environment and its landscapes and desires to protect its unique character, the Borough should actively pursue historic preservation.

IDENTIFY, MAINTAIN, AND ENHANCE THE FULL RANGE OF THE BOROUGH'S HISTORIC RESOURCES.

THE VALUE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Historic preservation is a series of actions that build on a municipality's existing features and uses them to make the entire community better. Preservation is not just about grand architecture or famous people, but also about the ordinary or vernacular historic development patterns and cultural resources that tell a community's unique story. Preservation is a means to enhance the local quality of life and to potentially improve a community's image and identity. This chapter contains information on the legal status of historic preservation at the various levels of government and a series of tools that can aid a municipality in preserving its historic resources.

Values

The initial idea of historic preservation often comes from a shared set of values in a municipality concerning the state of its historic and cultural resources. The driving force may be affection for certain buildings, landscapes, or historic settings; it can also be a pride in the lives and accomplishments of its citizens, past and present. These two values are especially important to Chester Heights.

Pride

Successful communities express a sense of pride and a common vision of what the future of their community can be. It is often helpful to have a symbol around which to rally which in the Borough's case might be the Camp Meeting site or St. Thomas Church. A National Register of Historic Places property such as the Camp Meeting can act as a catalyst in continuing the protection of the Borough's numerous other significant historic resources.

Economic Development

Economic benefits can be at times be accrued by rehabilitating older sections of a community, as property values often rise in historic neighborhoods as a result. Residential property values generally increase, or at least stabilize, where a neighborhood has achieved historic preservation status through a local, state, or national designation. A municipality that pays attention to the variety of styles and ages of buildings is also a more visually interesting place in which to live, work, and recreate.

COMMUNITY CHARACTER

OBJECTIVE 6-1: TO MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE THE HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT

PATTERNS WHICH HAVE SHAPED THE CHESTER HEIGHTS INTO ITS PRESENT-DAY CHARACTER.

The historic development patterns of Chester Heights can be attributed to broad social trends that have transformed not only the way people build houses, but also the evolution of public infrastructure and services that make up a modern-day municipality. Amidst dense development throughout the eastern portion of the county during the late 19th and early 20th century, Chester Heights maintained its rural character and historic developmental context. Documenting these contexts is a way of understanding what remains as evidence of the Borough's past. Proactive preservation tools act as the catalyst for further efforts to preserve those elements in the community that are currently endangered and could benefit from restoration or rehabilitation.

Development Patterns

Like many of the municipalities in the western portion of Delaware County, Chester Heights began as a small rural community. As some of the more western townships of the

County gradually evolved into more developed communities, driven by the development of modern transportation systems, Chester Heights remained rural in character. Today, the scattered farmsteads in Chester Heights, formerly part of Aston Township, continue to dominate the landscape. However, pockets of modern residential development from the late 20th century border the majority of remaining open space and historic landscapes.

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CHESTER HEIGHTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Early Chester Heights

Located within the northernmost section of Aston Township, the rural community of Chester Heights began as a series of small farms. Acreage totaling one thousand acres was surveyed to Thomas Brassey in 1684 and subsequently divided into smaller tracts by 1710. One of those tracts containing one hundred and nineteen acres bordering Concord Township was surveyed to Thomas Martin. In 1734, Martin constructed a large fieldstone farmhouse along Valleybrook Road that remained in the family until after 1870. Even after numerous additions to the Martin House, Sprucehaven Farm remains an iconic structure in Chester Heights as one of the original homesteads in the Borough. Also among the earliest landowners in Aston Township was Gilbert Woolman, whose two hundred and fifty acre property extended northwest from Llewellyn Road. The Woolman Homestead is among the oldest surviving houses from the early 18th century.

While Thomas Martin, Gilbert Woolman and other early landowners such as John Pennell, William McCracken, Caleb Heyburn and J.W. Thatcher established residency in northern Aston Township, there were also instances of transient inhabitants. According to Ashmead, "as late as 1770, a family of Indians had a wigwam on the Aston side of Chester Creek, on or in the vicinity of the present farm of George Drayton, but they did not remain there constantly." During the American Revolution, the rural fields of northern Aston Township created a reprieve for soldiers, "a number of stragglers from the defeated American Army, hungry, demoralized and exhausted in their flight from the field at Brandywine, collected in the neighborhood of Logtown, where they passed the night, sleeping in the outbuildings and open fields." (Ashmead, 293).

Rural Industry

With the improvement of the Baltimore Turnpike and the development of the Octoraro Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, mills and other rural industries began to transform the primarily agrarian community of Chester Heights. Transportation enhancements on the Baltimore Turnpike and the Pennsylvania Railroad not only brought new industries into this rural region, but they significantly changed the landscape. Logtown Road or Valleybrook Road, one of the oldest roads and earliest routes from Chester to the interior of the county, realized an increase in residences along its route. Along the original alignment of the Baltimore Pike "The Malsterer's" - reputedly a tollhouse for the turnpike - is situated to south of the roadbed. Then, on Christmas Day in 1833 the railroad made its first run through Chester Heights.

Rural industries including various milling endeavors flourished in Chester Heights. Joseph Thatcher, a well-known 18th century coach-maker built "Forge Hill" on an early

Pennell land grant. Thatcher also erected a tilt mill prior to 1811 on Chester Creek 100' north of Baltimore Pike, which was run by Enos Thatcher from 1812-1815. Together with Thomas Thatcher, Enos added a stone mill, but it remained idle during the recession after the second war with England. In 1841, Joseph and Isaac Thatcher revived the mill making self-sharpening plows. However, the mill was destroyed in the great flood of 1843 and never rebuilt. A small blacksmith shop next to the mill built c. 1820 survived the flood and continued to operate until 1884.

In 1797, John Lungren, a papermaker, purchased eighty acres of land and the rights for a mill to manufacture paper along Chester Creek in Aston Township. By 1799, a stone paper mill, dam, and stone dwelling known as "The Mansion" or "Stonehaven" were erected by John and Sarah Lungren. During the War of 1812, large amounts of paper money were required and Lungren Mills supplied paper for United States currency. After John Lungren's death, his sons, William and Charles operated the mills until 1823. William Martin purchased the mills and renamed the mill seat "Lenni Mills" after the Lenni Lenape Indians.

Located along Valleybrook Road, George Drayton operated a successful lumber mill. The remains of the Drayton & Sharpless Lumber Company lumberyard buildings have been incorporated into "Smithbridge Village" complex. Drayton & Sharpless more than likely provided the millwork for the 2-story brick Drayton House. An 1881 renovation is dated by the carpenter's name and date found on the back of a stair riser.

Mid 19th Century

With the population increase in Chester Heights due largely to improved transportation and industry, social and religious institutions began to thrive in the mid-19th century. The original 1836 building rented to Aston for \$2/month, known as the Logtown School changed its name to the Chester Heights School in 1880. The current stone located at the corner of Valleybrook and Llewellyn, is the replacement of the original schoolhouse.

The congregation of St. Thomas's church in Chester Heights is the oldest Catholic congregation in Pennsylvania. Worshippers first gathered in 1729 under the sponsorship of the Wilcox family, owners of the Ivy Mills paper mill in Concord. Services were held in the Wilcox family chapel, St. Mary's Chapel, built in 1837. In 1852, the cornerstone for the current church along Valleybrook Road was dedicated and blessed by St. John Neumann, Bishop of Philadelphia.

As Philadelphia's growing middle class sought resorts to visit and rural excursions as an escape from crowded urban lifestyles, rural summer residences became a popular destination. Built in 1850 as a summer residence, "Rose Hill" became a resort hotel in Chester Heights. In 1900 the Bond Baking Company purchased the large Queen Anne summer residence to serve as an executives' summer retreat. The building sits on a small knoll overlooking Llewellyn and Lenni Roads.

In response to Philadelphia's secular interests and vacation resorts, the Methodist Preacher's Meeting in Philadelphia considered the idea of establishing a site for camp meetings and excursions. The Preacher's Meeting appointed a site committee to locate, "a suitable grove in the country to which its members and Sunday School children might have ready access for social and religious purposes, without the danger of contamination from dens of vice such as are too often found in connections with places of resort in the neighborhood of large cities" (Camp Meeting documents). The Camp Meeting obtained a charter from the Pennsylvania legislature in 1872 and purchased a one hundred forty eight acre tract of land in Aston Township. The Camp

Meeting consisted of Victorian open cottages and a tent shaped eclectic Classical Revival style Tabernacle with a large portico as the focal point for services and worship.

20th Century: Chester Heights Borough

The transition into the 20th century brought many changes to Chester Heights, most notably the community's incorporation as an independent municipality in 1945. Changes also took place among many longstanding businesses. After a series of owners at Rose Hill, Anne Pope established a private boarding school for special needs adults in 1923. As Rose Hill estate transitioned into a school, a pump house and carriage barn was built in the 1920s with the latter redesigned in the late 1930s for classrooms and male dormitories. In 1937, William Fager became the owner-director of this highly respected facility.

In 1947, Stonehaven (Lenni Mills) was sold to the Pincins, who resided at the house and operated a fire extinguisher repair business. In March 1995, the Westlake family purchased the property to restore the house and now use it as a conference center and office for Westlake Plastics Company, whose headquarters are currently across the road in the old Lenni mill buildings.

"In 1900, George Wood bought three adjoining tracts of land in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. One had remnants of buildings from the Rocky Run Dairy Farm and this became the nucleus of an expanded farm operation. Wawa Dairy Farms opened in 1902 to sell milk bottled under sanitary conditions from cows certified as healthy and free from disease. Wood catered to the growing urban market concerned with consuming safe milk. Efficient transportation on and off the farm made all the difference in bringing a perishable product to market. Bottles crated at the dairy and sent by wagon to the Wawa Station went for transport to Philadelphia markets and beyond. George Wood had a gentleman's agreement not to compete with small dairies near his Wawa farms and thus his milk was not originally distributed in the immediate vicinity.

By the late 1950s, the Wawa Dairy had expanded its home delivery business to include over one hundred forty-five routes. The first Wawa Food Market opened on April 16, 1964 and today, the company is familiar to many as a chain of over 500 convenience stores in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.



For many of us, water activities equal fun. But it's important to be aware of electrical hazards while enjoying the water. Know how to be safe around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrocution is death by an electrical shock. Be aware when skin is wet or when surrounding surfaces, such as the grass or pool deck, are wet. Wet skin or wet surfaces can greatly increase the chance of electrocution when electricity is present.

There are several signs of electrical shock. Swimmers may feel a tingling sensation. They may experience muscle cramps. They may not be able to move. They may feel as if something is holding them in place.

If you think someone in the water is being shocked, turn off all power, but do not attempt to go in the water. Use a fiberglass or other kind of rescue hook that doesn't conduct electricity to help the swimmer. Have someone call 9-1-1.

If you think you are being shocked while in the water move away from the source of the shock. Get out of the water.



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- If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.
- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

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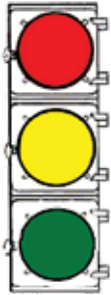
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