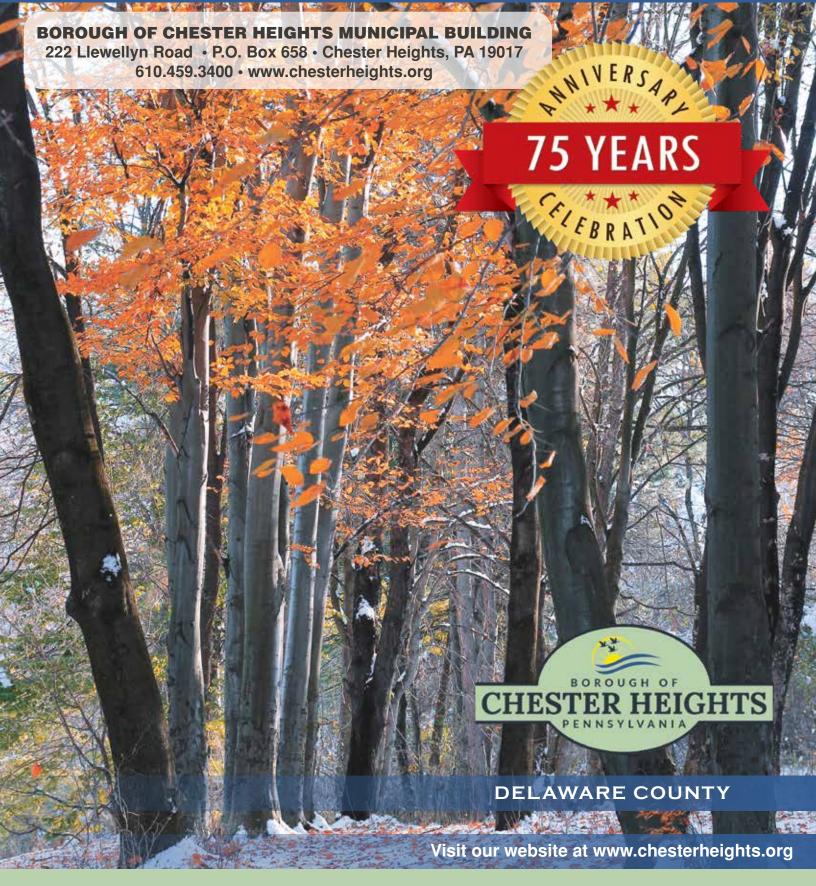
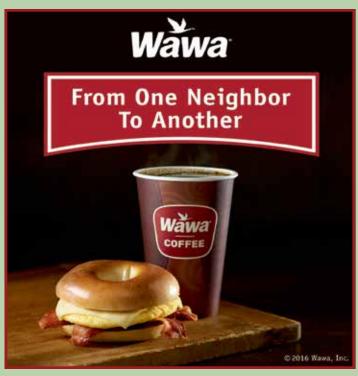


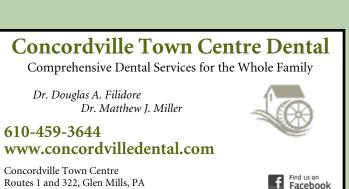
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Chester Heights - 75th Anniversary

Hello Chester Heights! This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to the 75th Anniversary of our founding and secession from Aston Township. The content is full of photos from around the borough, many dating back to long before we were "Chester Heights." We hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane.



This excerpt is from [1] "A Near Miss In Washington" by B. Franklin Cooling, America's Civil War Magazine, July 2004, page 30-31

The sharpshooters remained on duty, sniping at the Federals in their breastworks. During this confrontation, an interesting event took place. An entourage had come out from the Capital that included Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln actually went out onto the ramparts to observe the battle while there. From a perch amid the branches of a tulip tree, one of Major Eugene Blackford's (5th Alabama Infantry Regiment) sharpshooters chose a target and squeezed off a shot. He saw a man go down and as he reloaded he yelled down to his comrades that he had scored a hit. The marksman didn't know it, but he had shot Assistant Surgeon Cornelius Crawford of the 102nd Pennsylvania who had been standing beside President Lincoln! Had he chosen the distant figure wearing the top hat, how may have history been changed? Lincoln remains the only President to come under direct enemy fire while in office. Other nearby officers, fearing for his safety, encouraged him to leave and he complied. Partially due to this incident, Union General Wright who was in command, ordered an offensive that afternoon, to drive off the pesky sharpshooters.[1]

** Cornelius Crawford resided in the yellow house on Valleybrook Rd that is the current home of Parastudy. He took a bullet for President Lincoln while living right here.

DiSalvo Homestead



James Curran 1863-1944 James, an immigrant from Northern Ireland, purchased this property from Anna A. Purcell on the 1st of February 1928. His last will and testament, dated the 22nd of December 1938, left the property to his daughter Mary Curran. Mary, who departed this life the 4th of May in 1948, left the property to her sister Anne Curran DiSalvo and her husband Charles A. DiSalvo. On the 3rd of October 1956, the deed was transferred to Charles William DiSalvo and his wife Jean B. DiSalvo. Chester Heights purchased the 3.4-acre property in the fall of 2011 with plans to huild the new firehouse & municipal building, as well as establish open space.



Currans Stand

James and his dog in front of the stand circa 1940. A variety of products were sold at the time including gasoline, kerosine, cigars cigarettes, as well as candy and a variety of sodas. Notice the 3-leaf clover that James may have added to the Coca Cola sign displaying his proud Irish heritage.



James is pictured here in the early 1930's with his horse. Having 3-plus acres of land gave plenty of room to plough and plant vegetables that could be sold at the stand.



Charles W. DiSalvo

The Chester Heights Fire Company was forused in 1948 and incorporated in 1947. The DéSalvo family was very involved with the organization from the start. Pictured here is Charles W. DiSalvo Sr and Charles Jr (age 6 months) on Chester Heights first firetruck which was stored in their garage. Notice the siren in the background.

Circa 1950



Jean B. DiSalvo

Pictured is Jean DiSalvo, wife of Charles W.
DiSalvo, holding Charles Jr.'s hand circa
1931. It was not uncommon for Jean to
answer the "Fire House" phone that was in
their home next to their house phone. At
that time there was no firehouse, and the
tracks were parked at the DiSalvo's, as well
as behind "Backley's" store which is where
the Chester Heights Market is at Valley
Brook, a Smithbridge Rd.



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James and his dog in front of the stand circa 19.40. A variety of products were sold at the time including gasoline, kerosine, cigars a cigarettes, as well as candy and a variety of sodas. Notice the 3-leaf clover that James may have added to the Coca Cola sign displaying his proud Irish heritage.



Winter Scene at The Stand

Winter circa 1956. Eugene (left) and Charles DiSalvo Jr. are pictured here behind their home playing in the snow. Although activity at the store and stand may slow down in the winter, there is always plenty to do in borough and at the Chester Heights School right across the road.



Delaware County Daily Times Mon 24 Dec 1956 • Page 42



The Stand

Circa 1973. At some point during the 1950's the Currans Stand sign was removed and the porch was enclosed. During the 1960's to early 1970's the store had a juke box and a pinball machine making it a popular place for both the young and old.

Charles W. and Jean DiSalvo took over the store in October of 1956 and remained in business for forty-plus years. Charles and Jean are pictured here sitting on the porch circa Easter 1994. Charles passed in 1998 and the store remained open for a few more years. Jean DiSalvo passed from this life in 2008.



The Chester Heights Fire Company

A Bit of History...

The Chester Heights Fire Company # 1 was founded in 1946 and was incorporated in 1947. The first apparatus the company owned was a used 1927 Buffalo Pumper, this was constantly breaking down. In 1948, it was decided to purchase a new GMC chassis and to build a truck from the pump & body of the 1927 Buffalo. While this was being done, a 1917 White Pumper was purchased from Friendship Fire Company in Linwood, PA. This was in service while the work on the 1948 GMC was being completed.

The original pumpers were housed behind "Buckley's" store at Smithbridge & Valleybrook Roads (currently the Chester Heights Market), in Ed Brandt's garage, and at DiSalvo's at Llewelyn & Valleybrook Roads. The engines were moved into the original portion of the firehouse in 1953. The original portion of the firehouse consisted of 2 truck bays and a small adjacent meeting area. In 1969 a meeting room and kitchen were added onto the original building.

In 1969 the fire company also started the "Air Bank Service" for the western portions of Delaware County. This service was provided using a 1959 milk truck which was then replaced by a 1967 bread truck. The purpose of this truck was to replenish the "Air Paks" worn by the firefighters going into burning buildings so that they could breath "fresh air". Prior to this time, firefighters wore military issue gas masks.

In 1979 the fire company added the Holmatro Rescue tool system for vehicle accidents. This equipment allowed the fire company to respond to traffic accidents and industrial accidents, as necessary. Later, the pumper was further outfitted with additional rescue equipment and was then the first "PA State Certified Rescue". The firehouse was expanded to house the new apparatus.

In 1984 the need for tanking water became a priority and the fire company acquired an old army pumper which was converted into a 1000-gallon tanker. In 1985 this unit was replaced with a 3000-gallon aluminum tank mounted on a 1985 Mack "U Model" chassis. This unit was later sold once the borough had more fire hydrants installed.

In 1989 the fire company took delivery of a Pierce "Dash Pumper" capable of 1250 gallons per minute and carrying 750 gallons of water.

In 1992 the fire company took delivery of its second Pierce Pumper, also a Dash style chassis. This pumper was also capable of carrying 6 firefighters totally enclosed in the cab.

In 1998 the fire company saw a need for a Quick Medical Response Unit or "QRS" in the Borough. Chester Heights became the first PA State Certified QRS service. This unit still serves the borough as a PA State certified service that gets renewed every three years and is run by both EMT's and First Responders.

In 2003-4 the Fire Company received a FEMA grants, which allowed the fire company to purchase much needed personal protective gear, air paks, accountability programs as well as a new station breathing air compressor.

In 2008 the fire company purchased a Pierce Heavy Duty "PUC" rescue pumper. This unit also has a 6-bottle 6000-psi cascade system and fill station integrated into the pump panel compartment. This allows for reducing the numbers of personnel needed to respond to incidents.

In 2014-2015 the Fire Company took to expanding and upgrading the existing firehouse. Since space and money were big concerns the fire company members designed a renovation that would fit in the existing land footprint of the fire company. Once complete this gave the fire company 2 new engine bays that could fit the modern pumpers as well and a dedicated training/meeting room, bunk rooms and space for storage.

In 2016 the Fire Company purchased a demo fire engine from Pierce which is a 1750 GPM 750 tank attack pumper that was immediately placed in service. In 2021 the Fire Company purchased a Rescue Pumper to replace the 2008 Pierce PUC which was then sold to Mechanicsburg Fire Company which was moving to consolidate 2 fire companies and was looking for a combination rescue/pumper.

We currently run a 2015 Attack engine, a 2021 Rescue Pumper, a utility pickup truck, and a Suburban which serves as a quick response service vehicle.

The Fire Company has come a long way since its inception. We are proud of the members of the fire company, the community and our neighbors who have given their time and services to refurbish, repair and modernize our equipment and building.

Without them, we would not be where we are today!



The first Chester Heights Truck - 1927 Buffalo Pumper. Pictured - Paul Chaemin, Rich Ward, Bill Albany, Melvin Braodt, Art Brandt, Sam Ward Jr. Eli Atkinson





1949 GMC Pumper -- the body & pump from the 1927 pumper



96.2 American LaFrance 750 Pomper – Pictured are Sam Johson, Frank Reinhart, Walt Holmes, T. Civita, T. Kerns Jr., Lew Baker, and Sam Ward Jr.



The Chester Beights trucks in 1962



Chester Heights Firebouse - May 2021

75th Anniversary Historical Property Event

In continued celebration of the Borough of Chester Height's 75thAnniversary, the Historical Committee worked with residents to acknowledge the historical properties by gifting them a sign. The borough hosted the Historical Property Event on Sept 26th at DiSalvo Park. It was a wonderful time and the residents greatly appreciated the gesture. Happy 75th to us!















































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The Borough would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and recognizes each of them as contributors to our community. Thanks to their advertising support, this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.



In the late 1800's and early 1900's, the Post Offices were located at the train stations. The PO on Station Rd was called "Wawa." The PO on Valleybrook Rd was called "Camp Ground" since it was across the street from the Chester Heights Camp Meeting. Both Post Offices were on the defunct Octorara Train Line. Our current Chester Heights Post Office is approximately in the same location as "Camp Ground."

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Chester Heights Camp Meeting,

From July 20th to 29th, 1875, Inclusive, Trains leave for and depart from Chester Holghts as follows:

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7.40 A. M. 8,40 A. M. Sunday, 6.80 A. M. RETURNING, LEAVE CHESTER HEIGHTS 8 15 A. M. 8.65 P. M. For Chadds' Ford, 8.00 P. M. 5.80 P. M. Daily,

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4.45 P. M. Sunday,

On Monday, 26th July, an extra Train leaves Chester Beights for Philadelphia at 5.10 A. M.

Trains stop at all stations except when specially mentioned in regular time tables.

MENRY WOOD. General Superintendent

The Chester Heights Camp Meeting: The Philadelphia Camp Meeting and Excursion Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was charted in March, 1972. In the first year, the Camp Grounds hosted over 40 excursions. The first Camp Meeting drew daily attendances varying between 500-5,000 people, and an encampment of nearly 200 tents; many came by rail. The Camp Meeting promised to be so profitable for the railroad company that an agreement was made whereby the railroad company would pay the Association the sum of ten cents for each child's ticket. During the first Camp Meeting, 3,549 people came from Philadelphia by rail, 483 from Chester and 155 from Wilmington.

Currans Corner Service Station at Valleybrook Road and Llewellyn Road circa 1920's. In 1956 the deed was transferred to Charles DiSalvo and his wife Jean.



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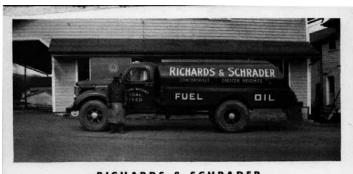
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Little's Service Station located on Baltimore Pike. This is the current location of Ashley's Restaurant and Bar.









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Current Events

Memorial Day - The Borough hosted it's Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony with the help from VFW Bonaventure Park







After a twenty month break due to COVID, we were finally able to host a second movie night in June. About 250 people came to the playground at St. Thomas to enjoy Plum Pit's Food Truck and watch Moana. We hope to continue this and by the time you read this, we will have hosted another Movie Night.



The Parks Committee hosted a **Family Fun Day** at our new and updated Community Park.
Painting birdhouses, dancing to the DJ's music,
playing on the new equipment and upgraded field;
everyone in attendance had a blast and we were
so happy to celebrate the new park with residents!



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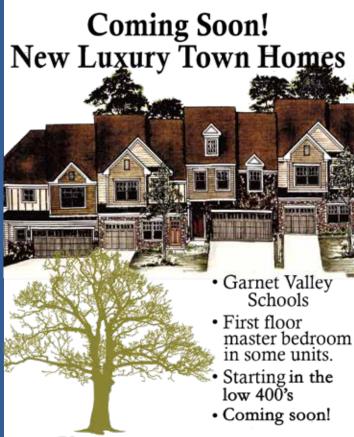
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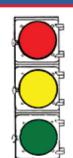


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