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## Letter from the Mayor

### *Hello and Happy Spring, Chester Heights!*

It is my pleasure as Mayor and Chair of the Communications Committee to bring you this edition of our twice-yearly newsletter. People ask me all the time- “how much time do you spend being the mayor?” I can say for certain that bringing this content together takes me 10-20 hours in total. Once it’s submitted and drafts are sent back to me, I have 2-3 trusted copy editors that proofread and suggest edits. It’s no small feat bringing you all content that is informative, engaging, and newsworthy. Our committee is always open to suggestions for content and articles that you want to read. Our advertisers and sponsors pay for the printing, the Borough only pays mailing fees; so please support the local businesses and advertisers- without them, this newsletter would not be possible.



In this edition, you will meet our new and returning Council members and mayor; find out what’s new with the Chester Heights Fire Company, read Rachel Kohl Library news, get updates on what is coming up in the Borough and opportunities to get involved.

Now that I am no longer a Councilperson and I no longer have voting rights (except for the unlikely event of a tie), I will be reporting on what Council is doing, deciding on and addressing from a neutral standpoint. Please follow us on the Borough Facebook page that I manage and sign up to receive newsworthy borough emails (send your info to [info@chesterheights.org](mailto:info@chesterheights.org) to get on the email list).

In my term as mayor, I have set two high-bar goals for myself and our residents. To begin, I am committed to bringing VOTING back to the confines of our Borough. I don’t think any voter in Chester Heights likes having to go all the way to the GVMS to cast a vote. I am scouring the borough and reaching out to those who have locations that might be suitable to the County Bureau of Elections to hold elections back in our own borough. The ultimate decision is at the County level. I am committed to this goal.

The second, more long-term goal I have set for myself and our residents is to plan for and find a permanent home for the Borough that includes an office, meeting space and storage requirements. Pre-pandemic, we were squeezing borough officials, residents and staff into our space connected to the fire house. We also have a storage unit for additional files, decorations, and supplies. Currently, we are holding public meetings in the Village of Valleybrook Clubhouse. While the space there mostly serves our purposes and we are very appreciative of its availability, the acoustics are difficult, it is not technically ADA compliant, and the restrooms are on the lower level; we also are paying a nominal rental fee each time we need it. COVID and the resulting spacing requirements brought into sharp focus that the borough needs more room to accommodate our growing population and needs. When we began our agreement with the Fire Company to rent 1200 square feet, we had one employee. We now have a total of six paid staff and/or professionals. This is a long-term goal because it will take time to buy or build and then customize a space that suits all our needs. Also, getting to that point will mean we will need to start a capital fund, apply for grants and get community input. It may not happen when my current term is expired in four years. However, I will be committing a large portion of my mayoral time into working towards reaching

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## Letter from the Mayor *continued*

this goal. Our surrounding, albeit larger, municipalities began this process over 20 years ago; we are playing catchup in the respect of having a borough space to suit our needs.

If you have any questions about living here, don't know where to find answers to your questions or have suggestions as to how your local government can serve you better, my ears are always open. I can be reached at [mayor@chesterheights.org](mailto:mayor@chesterheights.org). If I don't have an answer or solution, I will work to get one for you. I thank you for your trust in my ability to serve you well and will do my best to meet and exceed expectations!



Gina

## Welcome to Our New and Returning Council Members

Here's who is returning to Council after the November Election:

### Council President Drew Baum



**Fast Facts:** Councilperson since 2017  
Council President 2017-present

**Committees:** Nomination/Vacancy;  
Fire Co. Finance; Planning/Zoning;  
Engineering/Construction/Inspections;  
Ordinance/Code Review; Public  
Safety/Environmental; Borough  
Property/Parks/Open Space

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I am a lifelong Delaware County resident and have lived here in the borough since 2002. I was born and raised in Ridley Township and attended Our Lady of Peace grade school. I am proud to have been a member of one of the last graduating classes at St. James High School in Chester (1986). I have a BS in Food Marketing from St. Joseph's University and now do something completely different- I have been a self-employed building contractor for over 30 years.

When I am not running my business or working on Council matters, I am an ice hockey fan, coach, player and father of a player. I currently hold a Level 4 coaching certification from USA Hockey. I believe my coaching experience brings a knowledge base that helps me to lead Borough Council.

My wife and I built our house in 2002 and quickly made ourselves a part of the community. My children attended St. Thomas and I was a member of the Chester Heights Planning Commission from 2014-2018.

I look forward to continuing the efforts we have made in the last four years. It makes me proud to say I am the President of a Council that was the first council ever to acquire grant money for open space acquisition, to throw the first ever community events, to lower taxes two years in a row and to provide a self-funded park update after 25 years. We will continue to strive to prioritize preserving open space, being financially responsible with your tax dollars, improving our shared parks and being transparent in our governance.

### Council Pro Tem Natalie Anderson



**Fast Facts:** Councilperson since 2019

**Committees:** Finance/Insurance;  
Mayor's Event Committee; Historical  
Committee; Public Utilities/Trash/  
Recycling

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I am honored to serve and looking forward in participating in many upcoming events. The last two years have been difficult for events, but with restrictions easing up I am hoping to begin planning a senior event for the community. We have many events for young families, it's my goal to engage the senior community more effectively in the future. More details to follow, and I am always open to suggestions.

I have been a lifelong Delaware County resident. I have two grown children and four grandchildren. My daughter and her family are local to the area, my son and his family are in Washington state. My career was spent as a real estate Broker and Manager. My previous council experience includes serving for almost ten years on Brookhaven's Council. I am currently enjoying spending time on a part time basis with Longwood Gardens, though there is no such thing as part time at Longwood in December!

I am looking forward to being busy in the upcoming months working with my committees to bring to our Borough programs and events that our community and children could enjoy.

## Councilperson Bob Adams



**Fast Facts:** Councilperson since 2020

**Committees:** Nomination/Vacancy; Planning/Zoning; Engineering/Construction/Inspections; Public Safety/Environment

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Hello, neighbors! I have lived in Delaware County all my life and have been an area resident residing in Concord Township, and most recently in Chester Heights since 1997. My wife, Sue, and I have two children that are both graduates of the Garnet Valley School District (Go Jags!). I have been in the construction industry for over thirty-five years starting as a “hands-on” tradesman upon graduating from high school. I have owned my own company for over thirty years specializing in Residential & Commercial Property Losses & Consulting. I believe the experience in my field benefits the borough when it comes to projects pertaining to development. In addition to serving on council, I previously served as president of the Brookefield Homeowners Association. When not working or serving our borough, I enjoy traveling, spending time on the NJ shore, boating, golfing, and helping others.

## Councilperson Marta Driscoll



**Fast Facts:** Councilperson 2016-2017

**Committees:** School District/Education/Training/Library; Ordinance/Code Review; Public Utilities/Trash/Recycling

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It has been 6 years since I first introduced myself to you in a borough newsletter as a Council Member. Though I have not served in an official capacity over the last 4 years, I have attended almost every council meeting and continued to learn about borough governance earning a designation as a Certified Borough Official (CBO) through the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs. In 2018 I joined the Chester Heights Fire Company as an administrative volunteer and co-founded Chester Heights Neighbors Alliance allowing me to continue to contribute in a positive way to our community.

Personally, and professionally my life has changed, but luckily the important things have stayed the same. I am still happily married to the love of my life, Pete Driscoll. This is our 7th year in our 200+-year-old farmhouse here in Chester Heights where we are raising our two sons Henry and Peter. My daughters, Victoria and Alexandra, have graduated from Garnet Valley High School, and both are pursuing college degrees in Exercise Science and Education, respectively. In 2019 we welcomed Teddy, an enthusiastic Aussie Labradoodle. That year I also divested my insurance agency and now work as a Grant Analyst for the College of Engineering at the University of Delaware managing financial compliance for federally sponsored awards. I continue to be a registered notary. This “side gig” allows me to provide a much-needed service to homebound individuals in our community.

I am honored and excited to use my education and experience

in service to you. I look forward to working with residents and my fellow council members over the next four years to improve how business is done in the borough.

## Our newest appointed

## Councilperson Robert Sacks



**Fast Facts:** appointed to Council January 2022

**Committees:** Communications/Public Relations; Mayor’s Event Committee; Public Safety/Environment; Highways/Transportation

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Hello my name is Robert B Sacks Sr. I am happily married to my best friend who I consider a gift from GOD- my wife, Phuoc Tran Sacks, who is in the picture with me. My family is of the utmost importance to me. I started working for SEPTA in 1984, starting by driving the bus in North Philadelphia, then Northeast Philadelphia. In 1987, I began working as a train operator on the Market Frankford El, which I did until my retirement. During this time, I moonlighted for several limousine companies, including one I founded with my cousin. I also spent time as a certified private chauffeur. After 36 years with SEPTA, I finally retired on September 1, 2020. Since then, I have been both driving for local funeral businesses and working part time at a Vietnamese Restaurant! I am also a long-time member of Covenant Fellowship Church where I serve as an Usher. I enjoy living in our community where we are fortunate to have a top-rated school district, terrific first responders, and a State Police presence protecting all of us. Darlington Woods is home for my wife and me.

My career, life and interests are in customer service, and I look forward to bringing those attributes to my term on Council.

These council members are continuing the terms they were elected to in 2019:

## Council Vice President Laura Lim



**Fast Facts:** Councilperson since 2019, served as Pro Tem and Vice President

**Committees:** Finance; Fire Co. Finance; Communications/Public Relations; Borough Property/Parks/Open Space; Public Utilities/Trash/Recycling

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I am excited to begin my third year on Borough Council. Here’s a little info about me; I am married with 3 sons in the GVSD. Life is busy and hectic, with work and multiple after school activities but I love working for the residents of Chester Heights and will always find time to help residents if they need assistance. The most memorable project so far for me was coordinating with Delco to provide 8460 meals to residents during the heights of the pandemic in 2020. For the last two years I have worked for all residents through various committee work. I was tasked with spearheading the new playground, dog trash bins, and I hope to complete the walking trail and feasibility study for lights at the youth soccer field. Last year I initiated our Darlington Creek Park Use Plan which will call for

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## Council Members *continued*

community comments in 2022. As a member of the finance committee and now Finance Chair, my focus has been and will continue to be on making sure borough funds are managed and spent responsibly. I am looking forward to Family Fun Day, Movie Nights, Recycling Day and any other opportunity to meet residents and foster community spirit in Chester Heights. I am always available to residents!

### Councilperson Susan Clarke



**Fast Facts:** Councilperson since 2015, served as President 2016-2017

**Committees:** School District/ Education /Training/Library; Planning/Zoning; Engineering/ Construction/Inspections; Ordinance/ Code Review

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Hi, my name is Susan Clarke, Councilwoman and Past President of Council. I have lived in Chester Heights for more than 23 years and before that, I was a Media resident for 13 years. My husband Dave is a member of the Chester Heights Planning Commission. My son, Evan, is attending Penn State New Kensington and playing successfully on their basketball team. I have been a proud cancer survivor since 2009!

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and graduated summa cum laude from Widener University. I also have an MBA in Accounting and Finance from Drexel University. I worked full-time while attending school at night to complete my degrees.

I have experience in accounting, finance, planning, and operations management which makes me well-qualified to be a member of Chester Heights Borough Council. In 2020, I was designated by the PSAB (PA State Assoc. of Boroughs) as a Certified Borough Official due to my voluntary educational achievements.

I have worked in the chemical industry in various capacities for more than 40 years. Presently, I am the Sales and Operations Planning Manager at Genesis Alkali Corporation, where I manage the demand/supply balance for a high-volume business. I am also the Business Lead for a major IT project. I am planning to retire in April, but I will be retained as a consultant for some time thereafter.

I think Chester Heights is a wonderful place to live. I came from humble beginnings in upstate Pennsylvania, so Chester Heights immediately felt like home. I am proud to be a second term member of Chester Heights Borough Council and will always strive to make the best decisions for my community.

*Newly Elected*

### Mayor Ginamarie (Gina) Ellis



**Fast Facts:** Elected to Council 2017, served as Council Pro Tem and Vice President, elected Mayor 2021

**Committees:** Mayor's Event Committee; Communications/Public Relations; Ordinance/Code Review; Public Utilities/Trash/Recycling

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Hello, all! I am so happy to be introducing myself as Mayor Ellis! For those of you that haven't "met" me, I am a lifelong resident of the borough (Ok, I went to PSU, student taught in England and lived in DE for 6 years, so "almost lifelong" is more accurate). In June, I will marry the boy next door, Planning Commissioner Thayer Schroeder. We met 40 years ago playing in our shared woods. Fun fact- former Mayor and current Planning Commissioner Mark Carroll and former Mayor Fred Wood are co-officiating our wedding. Together we are a combined household of four sons, three dogs and two cats. My parents' house is just a walk through the woods from our home! My sons attended St. Thomas; one graduated GVHS in 2019 and the other graduates in June.

Since 2008, I have been a group exercise instructor at Rocky Run YMCA; you can find me teaching BodyCombat™ three times per week. I have also written and given speeches on behalf of the YMCA. My day job is USA Business Development Director for a Canadian software company.

Lifting the "digital curtain," I am the voice behind The Borough of Chester Heights on Facebook and Instagram, and I have composed and sent out close to 250 emails to residents from the Borough. I also compose, edit, and coordinate the majority of this newsletter that you receive twice a year. If you have read a communication from the Borough, chances are I wrote it, edited it or compiled it. Former Mayor Stacey Smith and I created the Mayor's Event Committee four years ago. We brought you Easter Egg Hunts, Lunch with Santa, Movie Nights, Community Day, and fundraisers. Since her passing, I am continuing those events. Our committee is very much looking forward to a return to normalcy for our residents! Email me anytime!

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# Generous Donation to the Rachel Kohl Library

August 10, 2021

The Rachel Kohl Community Library in Concord Township was the beneficiary of a \$203,000 donation from Lee Greskiewicz and her brother Ed Wiley on behalf of their parents, Wilbur and Paralee Wiley. Lee Greskiewicz has been a resident of Chester Heights for 33 years. Ed also resided in Concord Township and Chester Heights Borough for many years. The presentation of the check was attended by Lee, her brother Ed, Library Director Susan Sternberg, Chester Heights Library Board member Debbie Miller, several other members of the Library Board, and Councilwoman Susan Clarke.

Lee's parents, Wilbur W. and Paralee M. Wiley lived in Concord Township and Chester Heights Borough from 1967 until they retired to Granite Farms Estates about 15 years ago. Both were avid readers and members of the Rachel Kohl Community Library. Lee's mother was a teacher at the old Concord Elementary School for 20+ years. Her father was a retired Air Force officer who served 20+ years in the service. Then he taught at Delaware County Community College for another 20+ years. He was instrumental in developing their CAD (computer aided design) program.

The library, which is in Concord Township, serves 5 municipalities and has 14,000 card holders. The library is not fully funded by the communities it supports and depends on donations for 40% of its budget. As the population of the Glen Mills area has exploded, so has the use of the library and the need for more space.

The library had been looking to apply for a Keystone Grant for Public Libraries to expand the facility. The grant however requires matching funds. This donation from the Wiley family will provide the library with the matching funds needed to get the grant. Therefore, the timing of the donation was very fortunate. IF the library is awarded the grant, the bequest and grant would be used to expand the library to include a dedicated children's section. If not awarded, the library will hold the bequest and initiate a capital campaign to get the additional monies needed for expansion. The library is considering naming the additional space after the Wiley family.

We humbly invite you to remember the Rachel Kohl Community Library in your will. A bequest gift can be a way to create a lasting legacy that supports the cause you care about. Please consult your estate planner or tax advisor to add the library as a beneficiary.



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# Comprehensive Plan -

## Definition, history, where to find the most recent, and upcoming process

Our last Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2013. The goal of this Council is to have that plan updated in 2023. That means the long and involved process of creating an updated Comprehensive Plan will begin in this year. As was done ten years ago, we hope to accomplish this with the aid of grants and specialist organizations. The most recent Comprehensive Plan can be found on our website.

You might be reading this and thinking “what is a Comprehensive Plan?” *A comprehensive plan is a long-range planning tool used to guide the future growth and development of a community. It expresses a community’s vision and goals for the future, sets forth strategies and recommendations to achieve them and a plan for implementing them. Comprehensive plans address to what uses land in a community should be put, how the movement of people and goods should take place, how housing should be provided and maintained, how the community should provide services to its citizens and how the community should interact with neighboring communities. This plan, once adopted by Chester Heights Borough, will serve as a guide for Council’s future decisions concerning development and redevelopment, as well as a guide for implementing ordinances and programs.*

There will be a task force named, public meetings, a public survey and more as this process continues. If you read the Letter from the Mayor, planning for a larger and permanent home for the Borough office will be included in this. Please don’t ignore communications from the Borough. Without your input, any plan that is adopted would be incomplete! We expect this process to take 18-30 months in total.



## CALLING ALL MILITARY VETERANS...

### Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force Veterans.

All generations are welcome. Councilwoman Laura Lim would like to start a borough veteran’s group. She was active-duty Air Force and now an Air National Guardsman. This group will have no dues, no mandatory attendance; the sole purpose is to connect with fellow veterans (active-duty welcome!) who live in the borough. As the group matures it’s reasonable to expect one quarterly gathering and a few volunteer opportunities. If you are a resident of Chester Heights and a veteran please reach out to Laura at [laura.lim@chesterheights.org](mailto:laura.lim@chesterheights.org)

There are so many great changes happening at Riddle Village and we would love for you to be a part of it!

Ask us about our veteran's discount!



It has been an eventful time here at Riddle Village as we recently unveiled our newly enhanced courtyard, which now features an expansive putting green and a new tranquil butterfly garden.

We are also excited for the upcoming grand opening of our Thoroughbred Lounge. With this addition, our residents will now enjoy three restaurant options to dine in every night!

It is a great time to become part of the Riddle Village community and enjoy the excitement that is happening.

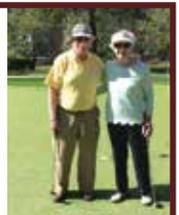
If you have been thinking about making a move, please reach out to learn more. We would love the opportunity to discuss your options and show you what is new at our community!



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Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

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2021 Activity  
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75th Anniversary



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Volunteer  
Service

## MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

As we begin the new year, we wanted to recap the efforts and commitment of our members to the citizens of Chester Heights Borough and the surrounding communities in 2021.

The Chester Heights Fire Company is truly an **“all-volunteer”** fire company. There are no paid drivers, no per-call stipends or any type of monetary incentives for our members. The time each member invests is at their own will. That type of commitment only comes from a deep sense of service and accomplishment each member understands.

It's not just about calls for service. The commitment encompasses the time invested in training, equipment and station maintenance and the administrative duties that keep the organization functioning and its members well prepared to handle those calls for service. We are proud to present a snapshot of the activity and commitment our members invested in 2021.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO TRAINING

The Fire Company conducted **43 organized training activities** in 2021. These activities are typically held on Thursday night but also include some weekend sessions. We do not train on the first Thursday night of each month. That night is reserved for our Company Meeting and our Engineer's Night, where all the equipment is checked and serviced.

In addition to the organized training activities, our members invest personal time in attending formal training through different training facilities and organizations. Upon



**Averaged 12 members per training activity. Committed 1,548 hours to in house training**

completion of the classes and a variety of written and hands-on evaluations, this training typically results in either a Pennsylvania State or Nationally Recognized certificate. Our members invested **1,278 hours in Certified Training in 2021.**

One of the highlights of this past year is the number of members with an Emergency Medical Technician certificate doubled and 80% of our members are now certified to the Water Rescue Operations Level or the Technician Level.

## 2021 SERVICE CALLS

The Fire Company responded to **14 Working Fires** in 2021. A working fire is a structural or building fire where at least one hose line has been utilized in the extinguishment of a fire. That equates to having 1 Working Fire for every 5 Building Fire calls the Company responded to.

The Fire Company responded to **3 Vehicle Extractions.** These are vehicle accidents where extrication tools were utilized in order to free a passenger.

### 2021 Highlights

<b>227</b>	<b>Calls</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Average Staffing Per Call</b>
<b>136</b>	<b>Night Calls (7PM - 7AM)</b>
<b>91</b>	<b>Day Calls (7AM - 7PM)</b>
<b>1824</b>	<b>Member Call Hours</b>

# ADMINISTRATION

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Probably the hardest commitment to document or quantify is the time and effort our members put into the administrative and support functions necessary for fluid operations. If we were to attempt to assign hours to these activities, we would put the commitment as high as any other category.

We are extremely proud of the dedication and commitment our members have to our organization, the community and the fire service. The Fire Company does not operate without people. They are the foundation of a professional response organization. Tallying all the verified hours above, the members committed more than **4,650 hours** without any compensation.

<b>Drill Night</b>	<b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>7 PM – 9 PM</b>
<b>Meeting Night</b>	<b>1st Thursday of the Month</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

<b>Administrative Officers</b>	
<b>President:</b>	Sam Iannucci Sr.
<b>Vice President:</b>	Philip Block
<b>Secretary:</b>	Sue Cody
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Larry Ward
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Jeff Cody
<b>Director:</b>	Tim Searl
<b>Director:</b>	Brian Searls
<b>Fire Officers</b>	
<b>Chief:</b>	Sam Iannucci Jr
<b>Deputy Chief:</b>	Rob Hazlett
<b>Assistant Chief:</b>	Larry Ward
<b>Captain:</b>	Tim Markwardt

# FIRE COMPANY FINANCES

## Impact of Real Estate Re-Assessment

The Chester Heights Fire Company operation follows a 20-year long-range financial plan updated yearly to incorporate changes in funding and costs. Just like in your household, even with careful planning, we cannot avoid being affected by the changing economy. After the county-wide re-assessment, new housing construction in the borough reduced the average household fire tax bill and left the overall tax base income neutral. Our long-range plan had included income from the new construction. This change has led to a reduction in our anticipated fire tax revenue that would have covered most, if not all, of our increased costs. We are analyzing that effect on our long-range plan. The analysis is delayed due to pending assessment appeals impacting last year's receipts by a potential 7% with no current predictable outcome on those appeals.

## Grant Funding

We continue to explore available funding sources, including grants to keep the increases in costs from hitting individual taxpayers. Over the last year, the Fire Company has finalized the FEMA Air-Pack Grant awarded in 2019 for \$103,609 and received a grant from Energy Resources Partners in the amount of \$22K for the purchase of gas meters and Nomex hoods. We were also awarded a \$17K grant for a specialized washer and dryer for our fire gear. These new machines allow us to not only save money on sending gear out to be cleaned, but also reduce our downtime, and help extend the life of the gear resulting in less frequent purchases. We continue to apply for and receive an annual loan mitigation grant of \$15K from PEMA that helps reduce the debit payments on our building and equipment purchases.

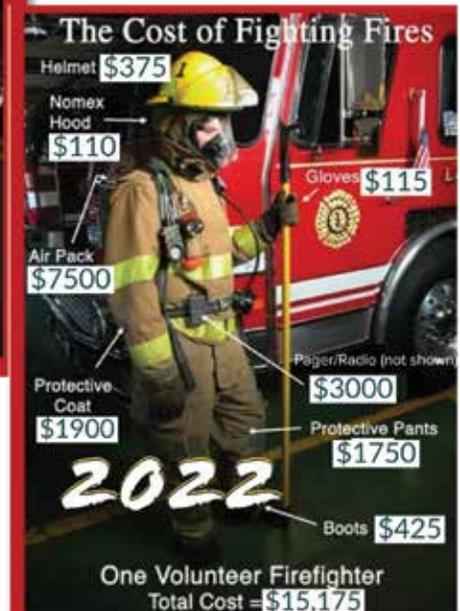
## Increasing Costs

There is no secret that fire protection services cost money. As the only service that the borough is required to provide under the borough

code, it is always one of the largest budget line items. Like you we have been affected by rising gas prices, utility rates, and equipment costs. We anticipate that the continued increases in our operating costs will lead us to request a fire tax readjustment for the 2023 tax year. This could result in an annual average increase of \$10 per homeowner .

## Commitment to Financial Transparency

We realize that a conversation about funding is always a delicate subject that's why our leadership is committed to financial transparency. We continue to provide the borough with our financial reports on a quarterly basis, which are subject to the PA Right to Know Law (Open Records).



## 75TH ANNIVERSARY



This year marks the 75th anniversary of the 1947 incorporation of the Chester Heights Fire Company. The fire company was established in 1946 (a year earlier) to fulfill a judge's mandate issued to the Borough of Chester Heights noting that their incorporation status was contingent on the establishment of their own fire protection service. Today that mandate to provide fire services is regulated by the borough code.

The history of the company is really a history of the people of this town and our volunteers, which is why we cannot wait to celebrate this anniversary with you.

To commemorate this 75th year milestone, we will be hosting

a Community Day this fall. We will be sharing more information about the event as the day gets closer. For up-to-date information follow us on Facebook @ChesterHeightsFire.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event email us at [71CHFC@gmail.com](mailto:71CHFC@gmail.com).



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary it is clear that it is only because of our **100% VOLUNTEER** members that we are able to provide the fire protection services to our community for this many years.

If you ever had the thought of becoming a volunteer, stop by the station on any Thursday night and talk to a member. We are always looking for people to fill any number of positions. Whether it is responding to calls or providing administrative support there are plenty of opportunities for you to contribute and become a valued member of the Chester Heights Fire Company.



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## Little Library Coming Soon to Our Community Park

Early in the year, we had a resident approach the Parks Committee with the idea of installing a Little Library at our Community Park. Council unanimously agreed it was a great idea and approved a budget to purchase a Little Library. We are now working with our local Boy Scouts Troop Leader to organize the landscaping and install of the library for an Eagle Scout project. Once completed, it will be a “take one, leave one” space for books and games. If you are interested in being a part of the caretaking committee, please email Rob Sacks [Robert.sacks@chesterheights.org](mailto:Robert.sacks@chesterheights.org).





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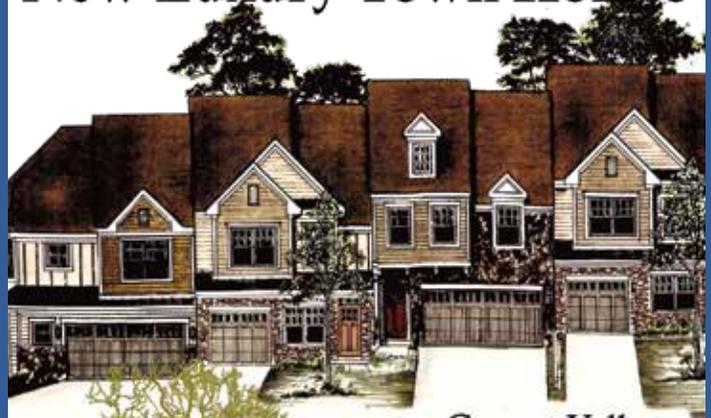
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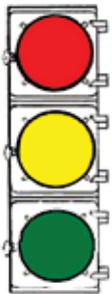
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