

Spring/Summer 2023

CHESTER HEIGHTS

BOROUGH BULLETIN

BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL BUILDING
53 W. Baltimore Pike, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 658, Chester Heights, PA 19017
610.459.3400 • www.chesterheights.org



DELAWARE COUNTY

Visit our website at www.chesterheights.org

Complete Land Development Services

G.D. HOUTMAN & Son, Inc.

- CIVIL ENGINEERS
- LAND SURVEYORS
- LAND PLANNERS

Including:

Planning, Subdivision
Site Development, Environmental



139 E. BALTIMORE PIKE • MEDIA, PA 19063
610-565-6363

Weichert, Realtors®



"I have been a full time Real Estate professional helping many people achieve their goals in buying or selling real estate since 1987."

Gloriann M. Ellis, GRI, CRS, CSP, ABR
Associate Broker

Weichert Certified Marketing Spec.
Resident of Chester Heights since 1975

office 610.459.5500 • fax 610.558.0317

cell 610.420.3463

Gloriann.m.ellis@gmail.com

1212 Baltimore Pk. • Chadds Ford, PA 19317 



Heating Oil

- Heating & Cooling... Sales & Service
- Budget Plans
 - Service Contracts
 - 24 hour Service
 - Guaranteed Fuel Price Program
- Ennisfuels.com 610-459-2719

Powell Drilling & Services, Inc

The Original Calvin E. Powell Drilling Co.

Chester Heights, PA 19017

610-459-1037

- Water Well
- Irrigation Well
- Geo Thermal Drilling
- Pumps • Tanks
- Water Treatment Systems
- Well System Inspections
- Hand Pumps



Concordville Town Centre Dental

Comprehensive Dental Services for the Whole Family

Dr. Douglas A. Filidore
Dr. Matthew J. Miller



610-459-3644

www.concordvilledental.com

Concordville Town Centre
Routes 1 and 322, Glen Mills, PA



Tiffanie Quinn

Photographer/Imaging artist

info@lighteous.com



(484) 477-2140
Lighteous.com

Spring/Summer 2023 Inside This Issue

Letter from the Mayor 3

Why can't my mail be delivered by Chester Heights?4-5

Stray Dogs and Animal Control in Chester Heights Borough 6

Meeting Your Planning Commissioners!..... 7

Meet the Zoning Hearing Board!... 7

Meet the Borough's Administrative Staff.....8-9

WaWaTrain Station.....10

The Borough has a new office!10

Homeowners Guide to Healthy Habits For Clean Water 12, 15

Contact Directory.....18

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Chester Heights,

I'd love to say the New Year of 2023 started off with lots of wonderful things for our Borough- and it did in many ways, keep reading to learn more about those. However, I do want to address the horrific and unprecedented double murder that began the year for two of our residents in the Highlands. We mourn the loss of Rick and Rita and have enormous sympathy for all their friends, relatives and neighbors who knew and loved them. Not a week goes by where there aren't questions posed to us in elected positions asking for updates and reassurance. As of this writing, the PSP Investigative Unit is still working "tirelessly" on the case. It feels like it's taking forever to solve it, but we have been assured that the delay is in waiting for search warrants (especially digital ones) to be approved and executed. Evidence gathering, evidence testing and interviewing parties of interest does not happen overnight, or even in a couple of months sometimes. But it does happen. It is my hopeful prayer that by the time this publication is in your hands, there will be news of "who done it" and we can all rest a little easier. Having said that, the PSP has released their opinion that upon information and belief, the murders were targeted and not random, and the rest of the residents in the Borough are safe. Rest in Peace, Rick and Rita.

The first week of the new year was quite eventful for the Borough staff- we moved! It must be said that Amy, Megan and Sue did an amazing job packing and organizing the office for the move. When the movers got all of our stuff from the office and the storage unit, they spent only four days making the new office space perfect for their needs and ready for the first Council meeting in January. Megan even came in over the weekend to move furniture and unpack! I also want to thank our new landlords, National Realty Trust, for offering us furniture from elsewhere in the building to complete our set up. Those desks, tables, chairs and filing cabinets saved our taxpayers thousands of dollars in necessary items! Please keep reading to meet our staff and learn what they do every day to keep our borough running.

Council is very busy in 2023 with many initiatives. So far this year, we have received two very important grants. Delco Greenways awarded us \$500,000 towards the acquisition of the Powell Property. Chester Heights was also awarded a grant to complete the much anticipated walking trail at our Community Park. Other topics for your attention include plans for Darlington Creek Park (where we have applied for an AARP grant), application for a sewer line grant, plans to update our Comprehensive Plan, revising codes and ordinances, revising the website to include online payments and more. Come see us in our new office for a Council meeting to see for yourself!

This issue was written almost entirely by me; any mistakes in facts or information are mine and I welcome your feedback. Keep reading to find out why your mailing address is probably not Chester Heights, what happens to stray dogs found in the borough, meet your Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and Office Staff, and more!

Until next time-



Mayor Ellis



Why can't my mail be delivered by Chester Heights?

Your Questions Explained

The question of mailing addresses and physical addresses in Chester Heights comes up frequently so this article includes some background and hopefully, an explanation for everyone.



Let's go back in time a bit. Chester Heights was (and is again) on a train line. There were two lines that brought mail to the area. The first originated in Philadelphia and stopped at Wawa Station. The family that lived in the station house also served as the postmaster of the Wawa Post Office. Mail would be brought from a hub in the City and delivered to the train station house/PO. Stops along that line included Lenni Station and the Darling station and continued to Locksley, Glen Mills, Cheyney and onto Westtown and West Chester.

The other line was the now defunct Octorara line which originated at the Philadelphia/Baltimore Junction Train Station (the station that eventually was renamed Wawa). That mail came down to Camp Ground and onto Ivy Mills, continuing onto points south all the way to Baltimore. For more information that is train specific, please dig out or find on our website the Fall/Winter newsletter!

The Camp Ground train station was at Buckley's Store-which is the location of the old Chester Heights Market and the site of the current Chester Heights Post Office. Glen Mills' PO is very close to that train station too. Lenni and Cheyney also have Post Offices along that former train line. Lenni, Cheyney and Chester Heights all have physical post offices with no mail delivery option now.

When the train line stopped, many of the PO's did too. At that point, the Post Office began consolidating; Darling and Wawa began getting mail service from Media. Camp Ground stayed and eventually became Chester Heights, but with no home mail delivery. Glen Mills started servicing parts of the area. It also stands to keep in mind that until 77 years ago, Chester Heights was part of Aston Township.

As time continues on, the Federal Post Office is consolidating, not expanding. That leaves very little hope that Chester Heights will ever have mail delivery in the future. It was a conversation in the 1980s and again in the 1990s, but to no avail.

To complete this article, Mayor Ellis and Fire Marshal Mike Ciocco had a conversation about address and 911 emergency services and how it all relates to your final mailing address.

Who decides what PO services the neighborhood? The builder has to work that out with the surrounding Post Offices that deliver to home. Typically the answer is whoever has the manpower to deliver is which PO will take and these days it's usually Glen Mills or Aston.

Postmaster at Glen Mills will now only deliver to cluster boxes moving forward. It's a trend you can see in many new developments, even single-family homes, in the area. There's a cluster box at the mouth of the neighborhood and everyone needs to access their mail there.

Fire Marshal Mike assigns house numbers for 911 purposes. House numbers only change now when a house sells and it doesn't have an independent address. For example an address that was 101 Front Ivy Mill Rd might become 102 Ivy Mill when the house sells to a new owner. Thirty years ago Mike tried to get addresses consolidated in Chester Heights with the Postmaster General and that request was not granted.

So how is the Post Office service map carved up for residents in our borough? We have five PO's that service the borough. If you desire home mail delivery rather than going to see Ted at Chester Heights' PO to get your mail- here is the break down.

- Willits Way, Mattson and Valleybrook Rd below Bodley are Garnet Valley PO 19060
- Bishop Dr, Bodley, Llewellyn, Lenni, Arbor Way, Miller Way, Rosehill are Aston PO 19014
- Coventry Lane, St. Thomas, Heather Lane, Valleybrook between Rt 1 and Bodley, Darlington Woods, Lydia Hollow, Brookefield and parts of Summit Ln, the Walgreens shopping center and Wawa Store are Glen Mills 19342
- Logtown Rd, Wawa Rd, Summit Ln, Station Rd, Darlington Rd, Walnut Hill, The Highlands, Indian Springs, Feather Ln, Highland Reserve, all along Rt 1 from our new office through to Wawa Corp are Media PO 19063
- Rolling Heights is almost all Chester Heights PO with no mail delivery, though they are in the Aston region.

To make matters more confusing, sometimes your mailing address from the USPS is NOT your mailing address for Amazon, FedEx or UPS. Some residents have reported confusion with utility companies as well. And if you are new resident who purchased a home from a family that used the CHPO, it can be super confusing trying to figure out how to get mail and packages delivered to your house! Fire Marshal Mike has this advice: “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.”

It stands to note that we are not the only municipality with a mailing address that is not the same as the town in which we live. Glen Mills PO services seven municipalities in two counties. No one lives IN Glen Mills- it’s merely a post office and an unincorporated PA town. There are residents of Concord and Bethel who have Chadds Ford mailing addresses and people who live in Chadds Ford that have Glen Mills or West Chester mailing addresses! Some residents in Chichester have an Aston mailing address. Garnet Valley is a new zip code created in the last ten years when all the farms in Bethel grew housing developments. GVPO doesn’t even have its own retail location; it is serviced by Boothwyn. Garnet Valley is a school district and post office zip code, not an incorporated town!

As the USPS at the Federal level deals with budgetary issues, we can expect more consolidation with them and our desires of home mail delivery from the PO in Chester

Heights are probably going to be unmet. Or in our Fire Marshal’s words: “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.”

There you have it. In our tiny 2.2 square mile borough, you will always have a mailing address and a physical address that won’t necessarily match. When in doubt, refer to your deed!



PA018147

JMTawnings
 215-659-5239
 www.jmtawnings.com

*The Quality, Reliability
 & Experience You Expect*

perfecta
 Retractable Fabric Awnings
 Manufactured Locally

RECOMMENDED
 SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION

G.V.G

TUMBLING & TRAMPOLINE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

GYMNASTIC CLASSES PARTIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Garnet Valley
GYMNASTICS

610-459-0330

75 WEST BALTIMORE PIKE | MEDIA, PA 19063

f i s

Stray Dogs and Animal Control in Chester Heights Borough



Allen Strickler is our Animal Control Officer and Stray Dog contact. He has been doing this for over 45 years. At the beginning of his career, he was encouraged by a game warden to begin his career with nuisance wildlife. That led to municipalities asking for his help with dogs and as he says, "the rest is history."

Mayor Ellis had a conversation with Allen to ask a question posed on our Facebook page whenever we have a stray dog.

What happens to stray dogs found in the Borough? Allen works with the Derr Dog Kennel. They hold the dog for 7-10 days, which is longer than the 72 hours stray hold required by law. They check for a microchip and evaluate the dog's health. During those days, they contact Delco Dawgs and start the process of reuniting or rehoming the dog. Delco Dawgs helps tremendously in finding homes for the strays found in our borough and other municipalities Allen services. Our partners only work with lifesaving organizations with the goal to find homes for all strays found in the borough. Since the borough contracted with Allen, all five dogs found in the borough have been reunited with their owners or successfully rehomed.

When you see and need to report a dead or injured deer-call Allen directly after hours and on weekends to report it to him. He removes the animal from our roads.

Same goes for sick or injured wildlife- racoons, groundhogs or fox. Especially if the animal is mangy, that is a public health risk issue and is something the borough would pay to have removed.

Allen also provides Removal Service of nuisance wildlife on your property such as bats, birds, squirrels, racoons skunks, fox or groundhog. If you need this- it is a private matter between a homeowner and Mr. Strickler himself.

Allen would like to remind everyone that to please make sure your animals are up to date on rabies vaccine and that dog licenses are due Jan 1 every year through the County Treasurer's office.



Allen Strickler
Animal Control
610-656-9636

**A LIFESTYLE
You've Waited For!**

You spent a lifetime doing it all to get where you are today. Now it's time to think about your future. Riddle Village may be the perfect fit for your next chapter in life.

Give us 60 days; we give you the future!

Reach out today to learn more about our apartment renovation program and how we can have you living your best life in just 60 days.

Riddle Village

RiddleVillage.org | (610) 891-3700 | 1048 West Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063

Meet Your Planning Commissioners!

What is the Planning Commission and what do they do?



In Pennsylvania, a “planning commission plays a major role in giving advice and providing recommendations to a governing body [in our case its Borough Council]. Today, land use is an important issue at the local and state level. Land use planning is a topic among state agencies, county and local governments, business and industry, charitable and private foundations, as well as environmental organizations. A planning commission is on the front-line regarding land use issues. Its job is to advise locally elected officials on planning and community development matters.” This info in quotation marks comes from the PA Dept of Community and Economic Development website at www.dced.pa.gov. For a more in-depth overview of Planning Commission, you can visit that site and keep reading.

Often, land development- whether it be an addition to a home or business, a new building or a new development- goes to our Planning Commission for presentation, review, revision and approval long before the topic goes to Council for a vote. PC meets the third Thursday of the month at the borough office.

Meet the Zoning Hearing Board!

What is the Zoning Hearing Board and what do they do?

From the PA Department of Community and Economic Development: “The zoning hearing board is a quasi-judicial body that renders decisions on specific types of land use appeals and applications. Members of the zoning hearing board are appointed by the governing body. Although the zoning hearing board functions like a court, formal court procedures are not strictly required.

The primary purpose of the zoning hearing board is to help assure fair and equitable application and administration of the zoning ordinance. The zoning hearing board hears appeals from the zoning officer’s determinations and grants relief from the literal enforcement of the zoning ordinance in certain hardship situations by means of a variance. The right to appeal for relief is an important step in ensuring that due process is followed when restricting use of private property for a predetermined public good. The zoning hearing board also hears applications for special use and challenges to the substantive validity of ordinances. The Pennsylvania Municipalities planning Code (MPC) provides a specific set of rules that must be followed for applications submitted to the zoning hearing board.

The zoning hearing board has no legislative power; it can neither make nor modify zoning policy. Neither does the zoning hearing board have enforcement powers. The zoning hearing board schedules hearings on applications and appeals that come before it, takes evidence, and issues written decisions with findings of fact and conclusions of law. A zoning hearing board must limit its scope of activities to those permitted by the MPC and by the local zoning ordinance. As such, the zoning hearing board does not have statutory powers in matters relating to the Uniform Construction Code.”

As with the info on our Planning Commission, a more in-depth description of the ZHB can be found on the PA Dept of Community and Economic Development website at www.dced.pa.gov.

For our residents, occasionally you may receive a notice of a hearing regarding a property near you. We are required to notify property owners within a particular radius of the applicant owner. If you have strong feelings regarding a topic one way or another, the hearing is where you can let your voice be heard. That’s why are you notified of a hearing. Hearing notices are also posted on our website and in two places at the Borough Office- at the entry foyer windows and on the bulletin board outside our office on the second floor.



Meet the Borough's Administrative Staff

Sue Timmins - Secretary and Treasurer



1. **What's your job title?** I am Secretary/Treasurer for Chester Heights Borough.
2. **What sort of duties do you have at work?** I maintain all Borough financial records, including receipts, disbursements, balances, invoices, reports, and budgets in keeping with the Borough's Chart of Accounts. I prepare all financial reports, including Profit and Loss Statements, Budget v. Actual Reports, Balance Sheets, and all required Annual Reports. I'm responsible for overseeing all bank accounts, processing payroll, and overseeing the payment of all payroll taxes and I assist with creating the Annual Budgets. Annual Audits are conducted in accordance with PA DCED. I update and maintain the borough website. Before the hiring of additional office staff, I was responsible for all administrative duties at the Borough, including but not limited to, holding the Borough Seal, witnessing official signatures, greeting the public, compiling and sending out agendas and being the recording secretary, maintain custody of all minutes, books, deeds, bonds, contracts, and archival records of the borough, greeting

the public and acting as liaison among Council, Mayor and all the professionals serving the borough. All of that was in addition to being the Treasurer and webmaster. I am also the Chair of the Historical Committee and a member of the Budget Committee.

3. **What's the most exciting part of your job?** I like that each day brings something different, and I enjoy doing bank reconciliations, working on budgets, and maintaining the website.
4. **Where did you work before this position?** I worked in a computer lab at Delaware County Community College for 8 years.
5. **What are you most looking forward to this year (professionally or personally)?** I look forward to continuing to serve my community for the 21st year!

I have been a resident of Chester Heights since 1977. I am married with five children, seven grandchildren, one dog, and five grand dogs! I have worked on the Borough's Election Board for over 21 years and served as Judge of Elections for 10 years. I have served as a Member of the St. Thomas the Apostle School Board and began working for Chester Heights Borough in October of 2001. In that time, I have attended over 400 council meetings. I enjoy working in my hometown and serving my community!

Amy Langa - Recording Secretary, Permit Professional

1. **What's your job title?** Recording Secretary
2. **What sort of duties do you have at work?** I work as a team with Sue and Megan on the incoming and outgoing tasks of the Borough. I am responsible for recording meetings and composing Meeting Minutes, processing permits, ensuring complete Records Management, corresponding with Council, and acting as a liaison among the inspectors, solicitor, engineer, Council, and the public.
3. **What's the most exciting part of your job?** There is always something to do! I love working with the public and I enjoy finding ways finding ways to improve processes. I enjoy being part of this community. I believe that at any level, you can make a difference and I take that role seriously.
4. **Where did you work before this position?** While my husband was active-duty military, we moved frequently and so I worked wherever we were stationed, to include teaching English overseas in S. Korea and as an advertising secretary for a real estate company in AL. After starting a family in NY, and due to several back-to-back military deployments, I was fortunate to stay home with my 2 boys until they were school-aged. During the school closures from Covid, I proctored two additional students for virtual schooling. And now I am happily working here at the Borough of Chester Heights, as my family settled to this area after military retirement.
5. **What are you most looking forward to this year (professionally or personally)?** Professionally: to continue learning as much as possible and to get to know more residents. Personally: To continue to explore the surrounding areas and to fill the weekends with travel.



My family- me, my husband, and two sons (along with three dogs), recently relocated to this area when my husband retired from the military. I am originally from Carlisle, PA, and I am enjoying being back in PA after being stationed in NC, AL, South Korea, and upstate NY, over a span of 20 years. As my boys are now school aged and in the Garnet Valley School District, I reentered the work force and enjoys my role as the Borough of Chester Heights Recording Secretary. The job tasks and hours match well to my work/life balance. My family enjoys traveling either via air or, more often, in our RV as our 3 dogs get to tag along. I love meeting people from all walks of life and look forward to meeting all who walk through the Borough door or while out in the surrounding community.

Megan Killian - Open Records Officer

1. **What's your job title?** Administrative Assistant/Open Records Officer
2. **What sort of duties do you have at work?** My duties as the Administrative Assistant are to assist the public with incoming calls, inquiries, and complaints, greet visitors, accept payments, dispense permits and documents, prepare receipts, and exercise routine clerical duties. My duties as the Open Records Officer are to receive and respond to Right to Know Requests submitted to the Borough in accordance with the Right To Know Law and with the cooperation of our solicitor.
3. **What's the most exciting part of your job?** Over the last 5 years the most exciting part of my job is being a part of a team that helps others. Being able to assist and help others is very important to me and an important role of my job.
4. **Where did you work before this position?** Prior to working for the Borough in 2018, I worked in healthcare for 10 years at the Clinical Practices of the University of Pennsylvania Health System and Main Line Health Care. I also worked at the County of Delaware for 6 years and Middletown Township for 1 year.
5. **What are you most looking forward to this year (professionally or personally)?** I just hit a milestone birthday this past August and I turned the big 4-0! I'm fully focused on expanding my professional growth as the Administrative Assistant at the Borough.



I was born and raised in Delaware County in a First Responder household and now I'm raising my 2 beautiful daughters, Addison and Oliva, in a similar household. I've been happily married for 12 years to my husband Dennis, who is a Police Officer for Aston Township. During the Spring, Summer and Fall weekends I enjoy spending time at our home down off the back creek of the Sassafra River with our 2 dogs Charlie and Cooper. I also enjoy family vacations in OCNJ which has been a family tradition for 39 years.



ROSE HILL

A COMMUNITY OF NEW HOMES



610.496.7135

www.rosehillgarnetvalley.com

A private enclave of 33 new homes in the Garnet Valley School District.

NOW OPEN



Wawa Train Station

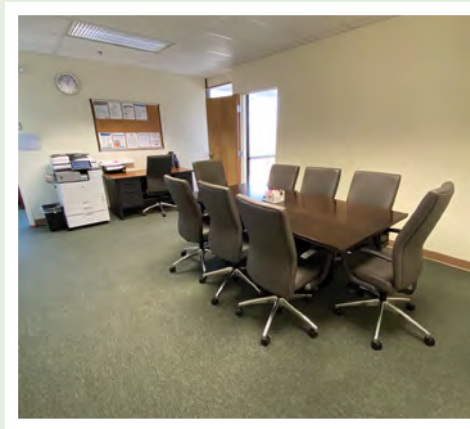
Have you ridden the train from Wawa Station yet? What are you waiting for?! Septa announced earlier this year that parking is STILL FREE at our local stations. In case you were wondering, we are located in Zone 3 and you CAN buy tickets with credit cards on the train from the SEPTA professionals. And if you are senior, you can get your key card for free rides on regional rail from PA State Representative Craig Williams' Office. 1 Beaver Valley Rd. SEPTA also announced earlier this year that all key cards need to be renewed this year as they are suspending the expiry forgiveness from the pandemic.

The Borough has a new office!

By the time this newsletter is in print, we will have officially celebrated a ribbon cutting to welcome you to our new office at 53 W Baltimore Pike, second floor. In this office, we have a large meeting space with great acoustics for our public meetings. There is also a kitchen area (which our staff is really appreciating) with a water cooler for anyone who wants a drink and a comfortable table and chairs. Amy and Megan are in the office adjacent to the meeting room and that's who will greet you when you come into the office.

In addition to the large meeting room, we also have a more intimate conference room for smaller committee meetings or private conferences when necessary. This room has a desk that our Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer share for their needs when they are working in the office. The back office is for our Secretary/Treasurer, Sue. Our new location also has a large file room, which negated the need for the storage unit we were paying for.

With this new, larger location, there can be up to five simultaneous meetings happening at once with no one overlapping the other. It's a big improvement and space that was sorely needed. If you haven't yet, come see us!



"One Call Does MOR!"

Landscape Design & Installation ~ EP Henry Paver Patios, Walkways & Retaining Walls ~
Concrete ~ Grading & Seeding ~ Decking ~ Remodeling ~ Additions ~ Framing ~
Energy Efficient Upgrades ~ Grinder Pump Installation ~ & Much MOR!

Yard Drainage Solution Experts

Renew Refresh... Restore



MOR Construction Services, Inc
Commercial & Residential Services
www.MORconstruction.com

CONTACT US TODAY!

610-459-2444

loop@morconstruction.com

Save \$100 off of a \$1000 or
\$500 off of \$3000
for your next Indoor or Outdoor
Home Improvement Project!

HOMEOWNERS GUIDE TO HEALTHY HABITS FOR CLEAN WATER

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors.



Vehicle and Garage

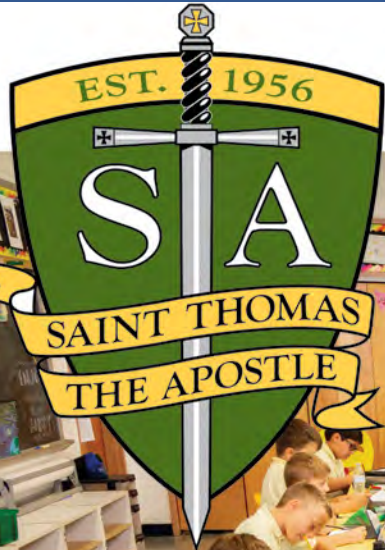
- Use a commercial car wash, or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.

continued on page 10





430 Valleybrook Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342



NOW

ENROLLING

**Grades
PRE-K to 8**

St. Thomas the Apostle has so much to offer !

- National Blue Ribbon School and AOP School of Distinguished Instruction
- Honors and math program for grades 5-8
- Renaissance Reading Program, IXL Online Math
- 1:1 Chromebooks in grades 5-8, iPad use for grades K-4, 3D printers and HP Sprout, document camera for all classrooms, aerial drone, Dot/Dash, Ozobots, and robotics used for coding, 3D Pens and School T.V. Program
- National Junior Honor Society membership for qualifying students
- Incorporates the latest developments in security & safety measures
- Full time faculty for Spanish, art, technology and music for grades PreK - 8 and more!

**Full Day Pre-K
and Kindergarten
Before and After
Care Options!**

**To schedule a tour contact:
AHane@staglenmills.org
610-459-8134**

Coming Soon to Glen Mills!



PIZZERIA *maki*

I WANT PIZZA!

I want sushi!

#ProblemSolved

PIZZERIAMAKI.COM

FOLLOW US @



Homeowners Guide To Healthy Habits For Clean Water

Lawn and Garden *(continued)*

- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run-off into the storm drain.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.



Pet Care

When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

Swimming Pool and Spa

- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.
- Whenever possible, drain your pool or spa into the sanitary sewer system.
- Safely store pool and spa chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater.

Septic System Use and Maintenance

- Have your septic system inspected by a professional at least every 3 years, and have the septic tank pumped as necessary (usually every 3 to 5 years).
- Care for the septic system drain field by not driving or parking vehicles on it. Plant only grass over and near the drain field to avoid damage from roots.
- Flush responsibly. Flushing household chemicals like paint, pesticides, oil, and antifreeze can destroy the biological treatment taking place in the system. Other items, such as diapers, paper towels, and cat litter, can clog the septic system and potentially damage components.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR THE HOMEOWNER

Outdoor Electrical Safety



Lighting to improve the look and safety of our homes, electric tools to make our outdoor work easier, and power lines to our home, all need to be handled with care.

Outside Electrical Work

- Have a qualified electrician do all electrical work.
- To prevent an electrical shock, make sure all your outside electrical receptacles are GFCI (groundfault circuit interrupter) protected.

Equipment Safety

- Use lighting and power tools that are listed by a qualified test laboratory and make sure they are made for outdoor use.
- Store your electrical tools indoors.
- Keep electric tools away from children.
- Keep the area around your electric meter and other electrical equipment clear.
- Check lighting and extension cords for damage before using. Replace any damaged cords right away.
- Use extension cords that are listed by a qualified test laboratory and are marked for outdoor use.
- Extension cords are not meant for long-term use.

POWER LINES

Have a professional tree cutting service trim branches that might fall on electric wiring. Use a wooden or fiberglass ladder outside. Keep the ladder at least 10 feet away from power lines. Never touch anyone or anything in contact with a downed wire. Power lines may be live, stay a safe distance away. Report downed wires to authorities

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call "Before You Dig" (8-1-1) before any digging on your property. They will mark where your underground utilities are located. It's a free service!



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education ©NFPA 2016



AARDVARK

Pest Control Services, Inc.

Call Aardvark! 610-494-4474

WE SERVICE

**Chester, Delaware, and
Montgomery Counties!**

For Homeowners and Business

www.getaardvark.com



While the Borough DOES NOT ENDORSE any business, service or product, we 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.



Let my 20+ years of experience help sell your biggest investment!!

Christine Dambro Hallman

Vice President of Residential Real Estate

610-891-8300 Office

610-636-6800 Cell

200 W. Baltimore Ave.
Media PA 19063

chris@scottrealtygroup.com
www.scottrealtygroup.com





S.B. CONRAD, INC.

Quality Construction ... On Time ... On Budget

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial
& Residential**

19 Smithbridge Road
P.O. Box 251
Chester Heights, PA 19017
www.sbconrad.com

(610) 459-5010
Fax (610) 459-3014
info@sbconrad.com

 Member of
International
Council of
Shopping Centers

BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS

Contact Directory

53 W. Baltimore Pike • 2nd Floor • P.O. Box 658 • Chester Heights, PA 19017

610-459-3400 • info@chesterheights.org • www.chesterheights.org

BOROUGH OFFICIALS 2023

Members of Council

President Drew Baum
Vice President Laura Lim
Pro Tem Natalie Anderson
Mayor Ginamarie Ellis
Bob Adams
Marta Driscoll
Robert Sacks
Susan Clarke

Planning Commission Members

Chair Chris Leiser
Vice Chair John P. Lesky
Pro Tem Thayer Schroeder
Member David Clarke
Melinda Kerry, Esq.
Mark Carroll
Gregg Homan

Zoning Hearing Board Members

Chair H. Fred Hamel
Vice Chair Justin Buccilli
Member Natalie Young, Esq.
Tim Hudak
Zoning Solicitor Christopher G. Furlong, Esq.
Zoning Officer Richard J. Jensen

Borough Officials

Secretary/Treasurer Susan M. Timmins
Recording Secretary Amy Langa
Open Records Officer Megan Killian
Borough Solicitor Gerald C. Montella, Esq.
Specialist Solicitor Michael Maddren, Esq.
Tax Collector Maryann D. Furlong
Code Officials
Building Inspector Richard J. Jensen
Borough Engineer G. D. Houtman & Sons, Inc.
Matthew Houtman, P.E.
Alternate Engineer Michael Ciocco, P.E., S.E.O
Sewer Enforcement Michael Ciocco, P.E., S.E.O
Fire Chief Sam Iannucci, Jr.
Fire Marshal Michael Ciocco
EMS/Road Master Lawrence F. Ward
Vacancy Chair Ellen Luongo
Constable Steve Luongo
Library Representative Debbie Miller
Animal Control Officer Allen Strickler



Our Family serving
Your Family for
65 years!

44 Smithbridge Rd • Chester Heights
610-459-3474 • www.civconco.com

SIDING • WINDOWS • DOORS • GUTTERS
CUSTOM EXTERIOR TRIM
ROOF REPAIRS & EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

(610) 459-7727

Contact@fergusonmccann.com

FERGUSON & McCANN, Inc.

MECHANICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTORS
Underground Tanks and Service Station Equipment

Installations • Removals • Testing • Tank Upgrades
Pump/Dispenser Installations • PA, NJ, DE and MD Certified

270 Bodley Road • Aston, PA 19014

ASHLEY'S Restaurant & Bar

68 Baltimore Pike Glen Mills, PA 19342

610-572-2323

ashleysrandb.com

Check us out on Facebook & Instagram!



GERALD C. MONTELLA

Attorney At Law

11 West Front Street, Media, PA 19063-2816

Phone: 610-891-9150

Fax: 610-891-1157

jerry.montella@comcast.net



Coming Soon! New Luxury Town Homes



- Garnet Valley Schools
- First floor master bedroom in some units.
- Coming soon!

The *Reserve*
at
Stoneybank



Join our waiting list. Send name
and contact information to:
thereserveatstoneybank@gmail.com

Quality
Craftsmanship
by



MANTIS

CONSTRUCTION

COMPANY, INC.



**BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

222 Llewellyn
P.O. Box 658
Chester Heights, PA 19017
610.459.3400
Fax 610.459.1282
www.chesterheights.org

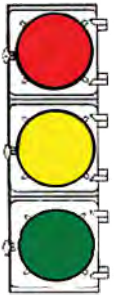
PRSRRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HARRISBURG, PA
PERMIT NO.609



This newsletter is produced for the Borough of Chester Heights
by **Hometown Press**
215.257.1500 • All rights reserved®



To Place An Ad Call or Email Peggy Kucipak at Hometown Press • 215-262-3617 • peggy.cbn@gmail.com



FOR 24 HR. SERVICE: 610-566-3700
FAX: 610-566-1409
EMAIL: higginselec25@verizon.net

Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc.

Electrical Contractors
Est. 1925

MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE & INSTALLATION
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICITY
TRAFFIC LIGHT REPAIRS AND INSTALLATION • POLE CONSTRUCTION

P.O. BOX 647, MEDIA, PA 19063



Gallagher

Insurance | Risk Management | Consulting

Patrick V. Larkin, Esq.

Area President – Pennsylvania

40 West Front Street
Media, PA 19063
United States

pat_larkin@ajg.com
D 610.548.5115
M 610.724.1606
F 610.566.0147

ajg.com



The moments
write the story...

Pagano
FUNERAL HOME

On Site Crematory

(610) 485-6200

www.paganofuneralhome.com

3711 Foulk Rd. Garnet Valley, PA 19060



PRIVATE ONSITE PET FUNERAL
HOME & PRIVATE CREMATORY

(610) 459-3600

www.pawprintsforevercrematory.com

232 Wilmington West Chester Pike (Rt. 202)
Chadds Ford, PA 19317



landscape design & installation

Call today for your free estimate 610-497-0580

CALL NOW
AND SAVE!

LANDSCAPING

- spring/summer cleanup • mulch • tree work
- shrub, bush & tree trimming, shaping & fertilizing
- lawn maintenance & fertilizing • hardscaping
- low-voltage lighting • retaining walls

CONSTRUCTION

- excavation • line striping • block work
- foundations & footers • fencing
- all phases of concrete
- blacktop repair & sealcoating
- all types of drainage & water services



SERVING TRI-STATE
AREA SINCE 1995

CREDIT CARDS
ACCEPTED



LIC# PA015656

workmanship you can trust



CONCRETE
BLOCK 4'X4'
Only \$300

MULCH
Only \$33/yd
(delivery charge)

Visit Us: www.kellyslandscapingpa.com
Contact Us: dkellyslandscaping@comcast.net