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7:00 PM **ANNUAL MEETING**
2017 **October 24**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us on Tuesday, October 24, 7pm, for the Civic Association Annual Wine and Cheese Annual Membership Meeting. Our speaker will be popular author and historian Bruce Mowday. Bruce will be discussing his book *September 11, 1777: Washington's Defeat at the Brandywine Dooms Philadelphia*. Location will once again be the lecture room of the Brandywine River Museum. Enter on the right side of the building, on the lower level.

All residents of Chadds Ford Township and business members of the Chadds Ford Civic Association are invited. Complimentary wine & cheese will be served. Admission is free for members. If you have not paid your annual dues of \$20 per household, you may forward payment to the Civic Association, P. O. Box 823, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, or pay at the door.

Register
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VOTE

The last day to register before the November 7th election is October 10th. Absentee ballot requests must be in by October 31st and the county must receive voted absentee ballots by November 3. Registration forms and absentee ballots may be downloaded from www.VotesPA.com or picked up at the Chadds Ford Township Municipal

Building, 10 Ring Road. All Chadds Ford Township residents vote at Calvary Chapel, 500 Brandywine Drive, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.



PHILIP WENRICH
2017 OUTSTANDING
CHADDS FORD CITIZEN

Philip Wenrich, a 23 year resident and current PA State Constable, is our 2017 Outstanding Chadds Ford Citizen of the Year. In Chadds Ford Township, Phil has served as Fire Marshal, Emergency Management Coordinator, Road Master, Webmaster, Committeeman and Civic Association President, Vice-President, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor just to name a few. Phil was a long time member of the Board of Directors for the local Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Cystic Fibrosis is a disease that affects him personally every day. Phil is currently awaiting lung transplant and his current situation is life-threatening, struggling to breathe daily but every day he gives to others, never saying no when asked to help out.

Phil regularly donates financially and with his time to help and counsel Cystic Fibrosis patients and their families. Phil is a former Police Motorcycle Officer

and served as the head of the Fraternal Order of Police. He is currently the President of the local Centurions Police Organized Motorcycle Club. The Centurions have raised over \$300,000 for the Shriners' Hospital for Children. Phil hosts dozens of online support groups not just for our township residents but also for law enforcement and people suffering from Cystic Fibrosis giving them help, support, comfort and the resources to get the care and support they need. Aside from his career in law enforcement he owned a national home healthcare company specializing in home infusion therapy. Phil is a baker and owner of a local restaurant, and he has received countless awards for lifetime achievements and benevolence, he has given most of his life selflessly helping others and his community. Phil will be honored at the Chadds Ford Civic Association Annual Meeting on October 24.

A MESSAGE FROM



This fall the Board of Supervisor's agenda is busy as usual, and we encourage our residents to pay special attention to these important agenda items. The number one priority for the Board is the "health, safety and welfare of its residents," and this focus has shaped many of our discussions and will continue to guide all decision making in Chadds Ford Township. The following bullets provide brief summaries of important agenda topics currently being discussed.

HEYBURN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Heyburn Road is closed between Baltimore Pike and Ridge Road for the reconstruction of the failing culvert and collapsed roadway. Due to the timing of ordered materials, we anticipate the work to begin mid-September and completed by the end of October. Please check our website for updates.

OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

The Township received a grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (D.C.N.R.) to update our Open Space Plan to create a more robust plan section on trails and recreational opportunities. In August our Board appointed the Brandywine Conservancy to serve as our consultant for this project. Please Note: sometime this fall we will post a link to a community survey on our Township's website to solicit resident input on our Open Space Plan Update. WE NEED YOUR INPUT, so please sign-up on the Township's website to receive notifications for when the survey is posted.

WALKABLE CHADDS FORD UPDATE

This September the Township is applying for a grant from the state to attempt to move forward with phase 1 of our concept plan. Phase 1 construction includes traffic calming plans, a fully integrated crosswalk at Baltimore Pike, Station Way Road and North Creek Road, and multi-modal trails from the Brandywine Battlefield to the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art campus on Hoffman's Mill Road. The committee, Township staff, Board of Supervisors, and our professionals have worked many hours debating the concepts of the plan. Please visit our website to view the latest public power point presentation from our professionals.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The Township's Planning Commission is continuing to review and edit the Zoning Task Force's recommendations for updates to the Township's Zoning

Code. This update includes many important changes, such as changes to our Business District, a new Residence-Multifamily/Apartment District, and a new Village Zoning District. After the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the zoning code update document, the drafts will be sent on to the Board of Supervisors' where public hearings will be held for public comment. Please contact the Township at 610-388-8800 if you wish to review the document or make copies.

THE HARVEY RUN TRAIL

Chadds Ford is touting a new recreational walking trail and it is a "big deal". In the interest of accuracy in reporting, I picked a nice sunny mid-temperature early afternoon, and investigated. You can park your vehicle at the municipal building or near the post office. I chose the former, where there is a sign basically describing the walk, with a diagram showing where you will be walking. Follow the clearly marked pathway.

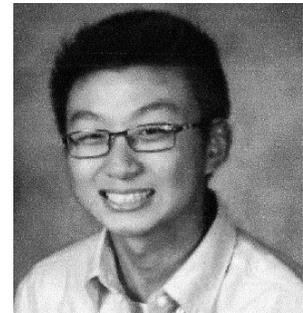
Walking back toward Ring Road, the trail starts near the entrance, angles away from the road and downhill, crossing the creek and winding through woods to the lower edge of a meadow. The path is well maintained, with a very slightly uneven surface and grass about four inches high, higher growth on the sides, so it is difficult to stray off the trail. You will see some field houses for bluebirds, and hear the muted traffic on Route 1.

Completing about a half mile of pleasant walking along the lower field edge, in and out of the tree line, alongside Harvey Run Creek, you re-enter the woods and cross the creek again. Shortly thereafter, you come into the open across the street, and slightly downhill from the post office. At this point, get outside the split rail fence that extends to Route 1 and around the corner uphill to the real estate building, or prepare to squeeze between it to get to the post office side.

A very pleasant walk, totaling approximately 9/10's of a mile. There was minimal wildlife at this time of day, but earlier or later you would probably see deer. The only wildlife was a groundhog that startled me as it ran out of the tall grass alongside the trail. Especially surprising and most welcome was the total lack of mosquitoes, gnats, et al. However, as walking any nature area in Chadds Ford, when you get home, check for wood and deer ticks. And if you walk following rain, expect a very short trail section (about 20 feet) which is slightly muddy. Try this trail. You'll enjoy it.

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NICOLAS YANG
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

For several years, the Civic Association of Chadds Ford Township has provided a scholarship to a Chadds Ford Township 12th grader. The recipient must reside in a household of a Civic Association member, and have been accepted to pursue higher education. The award is based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and the student's goals in life.

The Civic Association's Scholarship Committee was very pleased to see the superior quality of the student applicants. This year's group of applicants were all "winners" all outstanding young people, and we acknowledge and thank them all for

what they have already achieved and contributed to our area and school. However, there could only be one scholarship recipient, and this year's \$1,000 award goes to Nicholas Yang. Nicholas was on the swim team, the Debate and Academic Teams, is a Congressional Scholar-Athlete, and an AP National Scholar, among many other activities and awards.

Nicholas was accepted to study at the University of Pennsylvania, with planned studies for a coordinated dual-degree program in Life Sciences and Management.

We wish continued success to Nicholas, and also to our other fine applicants.



CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP POOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

As the summer months come to an end, Chadds Ford Township would like to remind pool owners of their responsibilities concerning the discharge of pool water.

The Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law and the Chadds Ford Township NPDES MS4 permit prohibit the discharge of non-stormwater, such as pool water, into the municipal storm sewer system. Every year, there are incidents of fish kills relating to either the discharge of pool water at the end of the season, at the beginning of the season, or the running of tap water or pool water hoses into storm sewers. Pool water discharged with residual chlorine at even the low level found in tap water has had adverse impacts on nearby creeks and ponds. Pool owners/operators can be liable for any damage to aquatic life or the stream that occurs as a result of their pool discharge(s). Discharge of

pool water to either sanitary sewers or storm sewers is prohibited by our municipality's ordinances. Pool water should not be discharged to storm drains, or streets that run to storm drains, but rather over a grassy area at a rate that optimizes infiltration and aeration and will not cause erosion. Below contains a list of guidelines provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for pool water discharge:

1. Stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and wait approximately 10 days for chlorine or bromine to dissipate or purchase products through your pool supplier that quickly remove these chemicals. Test the chemical content before draining.

2. Direct pool water discharge to drain over a large area of your lawn which spreads out the concentration of water flow for maximum absorption back into the soil. **If you have a septic system, be careful not to direct flow toward it.**

3. If you do not prefer to discharge the water onto your lawn and you have sewer service, you can contact your sewer authority to determine if they will allow you to discharge the water into it for treatment.

Should you have any questions regarding your responsibilities under the PA Clean Streams Law, please contact the Township or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, Bureau of Water Management, 484-250-5970. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our streams healthy!



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THANK YOU TO OUR 2017 CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

The Chadds Ford Civic Association Board thanks the following families for supporting the Civic Association with a minimum of \$20 dues per household. Many residents generously give more and we appreciate it! This support allows us to send a quarterly newsletter to all Chadds Ford Township households, award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Chadds Ford Senior, conduct Community Day in the Spring, organize two Roadside Clean-ups and hold an Annual Wine and Cheese Member Appreciation Meeting in the Fall (this year Oct 24). If your family is not listed below, we need your support. Please send your \$20 dues per household to CACFT, PO Box 823, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.

Abram, Ahearn, Albany, Aldinger, Allen, Altman, Arnold, Astin, Barbone, Bardsley, Bigelow, Birmingham, Black, Blaser, Bradley, Brittingham, Bulla, Burton, Camp, Carman, Cona, Craig, Crickenberger, Crowley, Cuff, Currie, D'Ambrosio, Del Rossi, Demharter, Densmore, Detra, Difranks, Ebert, Egan, Faia, Farrell, Fischer, Flatley, Foell, Garnett, Gartner, Gineitis, Green, Guin, Hagan, Haley, Hall, Hanley, Harris, Henry, Hoffman, Honig, Huffman, Hurlebaus, Iacono, Jafri, Johnson, Kerwin, King, Klaver, Koch, Kot, Kremer, Kuerner, Ladner, Larkins, Leak, Ling, Lombardo, Lovell, Macmillan, Magness, Marines, Martin, Mastriana, McDonnell, McEnroe, McGovern, Mehaffey, Membrino, Mohn, Murphy, Muscato, Orloff, O'Rourke, Padula, Paulsell, Penza, Plyler, Porter, Poston, Potzmann, Prabel, Quercetti, Raunigk, Reiner, Reussille, Romagano, Sack, Salem, Sanderson, Scholtz, Shafer, Shigley, Simpson, Singer, Smiddy, Smith, Stephens, Stookey, Thomas, Tobias, Traub, Trozzi, Tucker, Undorf, Varney, Fanalli, Walsh, Waters, Weiss, Wenrich, Woods, Worteck and Xue.

JOIN US ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 7PM, FOR THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT THE BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM

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The Civic Association of Chadds Ford Township
Resident Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

e-Mail _____

I am interested in working on _____

Membership is limited to residents of Chadds Ford Township and entitles you to vote at the Association's annual meeting and to participate in its activities. Membership dues are \$20 per household per year. Additional donations are appreciated and suggestions for activities are welcomed. Please send your check payable to CACFT to: PO Box 823 Chadds Ford, PA 19317. Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt and proof of membership.

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