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The Civic Association and Township of Chadds Ford have teamed up again in support of our community.

1. ROADSIDE CLEAN UP starts at 8:00 AM. All other activities commence at 9:00 AM. We encourage you to become one of the volunteers at this Civic Association event. Take a few minutes of your morning, walk a section of a road near your home and pick up the trash along the way. We will supply trash bags, gloves and safety vests for the volunteers. Meet at the Township building at 8:00 AM, enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut with other civic minded neighbors and sign up for a road near you.

2. DOCUMENT SHREDDING - Bring your documents that need to be shredded. Paper documents will be shredded on-site in a truck situated on the parking lot.

3. FEED THE HUNGRY - Civic Association volunteers will be stationed on the Township building deck from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM to accept food donations for a local pantry. Please provide non-perishables. (Canned and boxed items) Individually wrapped toilet paper, paper towels, detergents, trash bags, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, and bottled water are always needed but often overlooked. Due to transportation and storage considerations, please avoid glass containers.

4. RECYCLING - Chadds Ford Township is hosting an Electronic Recycling day. **RESIDENTS ONLY PLEASE.** The following items will be accepted: Anything with a plug e.g. computers, TVs, small appliances, microwave, camera and cell phones and other obsolete electronics. So get started on your spring cleaning and on April 22 between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM bring recyclables to the Township lot.

NOTE - Please be aware that there is a charge for certain items: bring check or money order made payable to "Chadds Ford Township".

\$30 per TV or computer monitor. \$10 per microwave, air conditioner, Dehumidifier. \$100 per console or projection TV.

All events with the exception of Roadside Clean-up will be RAIN OR SHINE.

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH HISTORIAN BRUCE MOWDAY

Save the Date: Tuesday, October 24, 7pm, for the Civic Association Annual Wine and Cheese 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 Docks Philadelphia.

All residents of Chadds Ford Township and business members of The Civic Association of Chadds Ford Township 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 \$20 to the Civic Association, P. O. Box 823, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, or pay at the door.

www.chaddsfordcivicassn.org

Visit Our Website

MAY 16: PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Primary Election Day is May 16. The ballot will include candidates running for Court of Common Pleas Judge, Delaware County Council, Sheriff, Controller and Register of Wills. At the Township level, candidates will be running for Township Supervisor, Tax Collector, Auditor, Judge of Election and Inspector of Election.

The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is May 9, absentee ballots must be received by the Election Bureau by May 12.

All Chadds Ford Township residents vote at Calvary Chapel, 500 Brandywine Drive. The polls are open from 7am to 8pm.



FEMA Spring Flooding Safety Tips

When spring hits, whether it's "official" or feels like spring, many of us are eager to get out of the office and into the fresh air. However, too much rain or thawing snow can bring severe flooding. Floods are the most common

and costly natural disaster in the United States. Here are some things to keep in mind as the spring flood season draws near.

- Never drive or walk through flooded streets. It only takes six inches of moving water to sweep a person off their feet (and not in the romantic way) and 12 inches to move a car. Remember, if a street is flooded, Turn Around; Don't Drown.
- Floods are expensive. A few inches of water in a 1,000-square foot home could cost more than \$10,000 in repairs and replacement of personal possessions.
- Most insurance does not cover flood damage. Only flood insurance will cover the damage from floods. Speak with your insurance agent to learn more and remember flood insurance takes 30 days to take effect.
- Talk with your family and make an emergency plan for you and your pets. No matter the disaster, it's always a good idea to have emergency supplies ready at home, at work, and in the car. You can learn more about the dangers of flooding and find information about flood insurance at Ready.gov/floods and Floodsmart.gov. And you can also visit www.ready.gov/flood-toolkit for a Flood Safety Social Media Toolkit so you can share tips with your friends and family.

BELONG

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

Thank you to all the residents who have paid dues for the 2017 year. You may have noticed and used a membership card on the back page of the January newsletter which will permanently be there for your convenience.

If you have not yet joined or renewed your membership, there are 2 ways to pay membership dues. 1) Pay by going

on line to our website www.chaddsfordcivicasn.org and using a credit card, 2) go to the website and download the card or cut the card from the last page of the newsletter to mail in with check.

Welcome to our new members who have recently moved to Chadds Ford. Membership is \$20 per household and funds activities including the semi-annual Roadside Cleanup, food drives and ongoing efforts to retain the unique quality of Chadds Ford as the region's population, traffic and development pressures impact our community. The Association has been serving the community for over 50 years and welcomes your support!

NEW BOARD MEMBER NEEDED FOR THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Civic Association currently has one opening on its Board of Directors and is accepting letters of interest to fill the opening. Civic Association Board members are elected for a two-year term and the board meets about six times per year. Board members are asked to contribute articles to the Association's quarterly newsletter and participate in Roadside Cleanup two times per year. If you are interested, please email your letter of interest to contactus@chaddsfordcivicassociation.org or mail to PO Box 823, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.

A MESSAGE FROM CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP



This spring the Board of Supervisors' agenda is quite full, 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 summaries provide brief summaries of important agenda topics currently being discussed.

Comprehensive Plan Update - On March 22nd at 7PM the Township's Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet to discuss further plan updating, and on April 5th at 7PM during the Board's regular business meeting a second hearing will be held to discuss the plan update.

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, including changes to our Planned Residential Overlay District, a new Residence-Multifamily/Apartment District and a new Village Zoning District. After the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the draft zoning update, 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 Shops at Ridge Road - Pettinaro Commercial Development in Concord Township. The Township's Board of Supervisors have been working with residents, officials from Concord Township and state officials to attempt to lessen the traffic impact on our abutting residential neighborhoods. The plan calls for 190,000 square feet of commercial retail space, which includes traffic plans for the main access on Ridge Road, and the widening of Ridge Road to six lanes for a distance of approximately 600ft from

U.S. 202. The Township Supervisors have formally reached out to PennDOT, the Developer, and Concord Township to try and seek alternative traffic solutions.

Harvey Run Trail - On April 29th trail users will be officially able to walk the trail. This joint effort between the Township and the Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art will provide users access to approximately 5 miles of natural surface walking trails through 300 acres of preserved open space.



To learn more about what's happening in Chadds Ford Township and to sign-up to receive Township related news and notices, please visit our website at www.chaddsfordpa.gov. And, if you want your voice heard or your opinions taken into consideration on any of the agenda items mentioned above or on any other topic, please consider attending one of our monthly Board of Supervisors' Regular Meetings and Workshops which occur monthly, the first and last Wednesday, at 7:00PM at the Township Building, 10 Ring Road.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Many of us get caught up in the events and lives of others, and social media has made that easy. We share information about our day, heartache and pain, as well as excitement. Pictures of our family and friends consume the airways. But there is also a dangerous side of social media: criminal element that is preying upon the unknowing.

Many adults set up profiles and pretend to be children to lure children of all ages into dangerous and deadly situations. Others watch posts very carefully and use things like your vacation notice to know that you are away to burglarize your home.

The best advice I can give is to remember everything you post on social media is public and although you feel that your user profile may be secure it is most likely not. There are countless people out there who are called hackers and these people can hack their way into almost anything on the internet especially a social media site like Facebook. Always remember when you post something your friends are reading it and so are the criminals looking for a house to target. Warn your children not to post anything personal. Predators are looking to hurt your children. Kids trust everyone.

My best advice to you is to not post anything that shows pictures of valuables. Do not post details about where you live. Do not give your address or vacation schedule.

Social media is meant to be safe and entertaining. Keep it that way and stay safe.



The United Way of Pennsylvania is now providing the national 2-1-1 service to all Pennsylvanians. Interested in just what 2-1-1 is well, 2-1-1 is like 4-1-1, but for health, human services and disaster relief.

This service was designated for nationwide use as an information and referral phone line by the Federal Communications Commission in 2000. The 2-1-1 system has three major objectives:

1. Connect people in need to health and human service assistance available

through government programs and private non-profit organizations in their communities

2. Provide assistance to communities in time of disaster, allowing 9-1-1 to work primarily with first responders

3. Connect volunteers and donors with organizations who can leverage these resources to meet the needs of the community

Through 2-1-1 people connect to a wide range of services from disaster relief to utility assistance, senior citizen programs, emergency food, job counseling, youth programs and much more. To learn more about 2-1-1 please visit <http://211sepa.org/>



NOMINATIONS OUTSTANDING CHADDS FORD CITIZEN

Do you know a special community volunteer or outstanding resident of Chadds Ford Township that deserves to be recognized? We'd like to hear from you. Nominate a deserving member of our township. Please send the name and address of your nominee, and why this Chadds Ford Township resident should be considered as the Civic Association's Outstanding 2017 Citizen of the Year. Send your nomination to PO Box 823 or email us at contactus@chaddsfordcivicasn.org.

Nomination forms are due by June 1



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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.