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APRIL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP SETS A RECORD



Our dependable and dedicated Township volunteers were out cleaning township roadsides on April 21 of this year with a record number of trash bags filled. The Civic Association thanks all those who participated: Tom Zorab, Betsy Grosskoph, Tom Singer, Ellen Singer, Linda Henry, Katharine, Martha and Rob King, Nick Fuller, Vince Del Rossi, Bruce Prabel, Gardner Prabel, Frank Murphy, James Kocher, Alix James, Eric Gartner, Debra Murphy, and Nora and Vince D'Ambrosio. Special thanks to Vince Del Rossi and Michael Del Rossi for collecting the filled bags and to mother and son, Alix James and James Kocher for picking up a record number of bags. Mark your calendar for the fall Roadside Clean Up on October 13 (rain date October 20).

Join us

**JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Civic Association currently has several openings on its Board of Directors and is accepting letters of interest to fill the openings. Civic Association Board members are

elected for a two-year term and the board meets about four to five 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.

In Loving Memory of

Louise E. Varney

January 14, 1945 – April 22, 2018

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of longtime Chadds Ford resident, Louise "Lou" Varney.



Louise, served as Membership Chairman of the Chadds Ford Civic Association for over sixteen years. She was also a longtime editor of the Civic Association Newsletter ensuring production and delivery to area residents. Louise also tirelessly volunteered her time at both the Rachel Kohl and Salesiasum Libraries. Her dedication to the Chadds Ford Civic Association is greatly appreciated and will be missed.



The Pennsylvania Treasury Department wants to make saving for higher

education easy as possible. Treasury's Keystone Scholars Account Program will provide all newborns born in 2018 and 2019 in six Pennsylvania counties with \$100 for higher education. To claim your Keystone Scholars Account, please start by completing this pre-registration form.

By pre-registering, you will receive information in the mail in the coming months that will include detailed instructions on how to complete the process. Please note that during the initial phases of the Keystone Scholars Account Program only children born in 2018 and 2019 in Delaware, Elk, Indiana, Luzerne, Mifflin, or Westmoreland Counties are eligible. The Pennsylvania Treasury Department hopes to expand the Keystone Scholars Account Program across the Commonwealth in the future.

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Visit Our Website



In May's Primary Election 19% of Chadds Ford Township's 2,825 registered voters turned out to vote, 40% Democrats and 60% Republicans. Scott Wagner secured the Republican nomination for Governor and will face off against Governor Wolf on November 6. Incumbent U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D) will be running against Lou Barletta (R). The 5th

Congressional District will be represented by either Mary Gay Scanlon (D), a Swarthmore attorney, or Pearl Kim (R), former Senior State Deputy Attorney General from Radnor. State Representative Stephen Barrar (R) will be challenged by attorney Anton Andrews (D).

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO AHMED TAHA SHAHZAD



Congratulations 2018 scholarship recipient, Unionville High School senior, Ahmed Taha Shahzad, who will be attending the Pennsylvania State

University, as part of an accelerated 7-year Premedical-Medical Program (PMM) between Penn State and Jefferson University's Sidney Kimmel Medical College, Philadelphia. Taha has a weighted GPA of 4.7390 and unweighted a GPA of 4.0. Taha has received many awards and honors including first in Microbiology at both the Chester County Science Research Competition and at the Delaware Valley Science Fair. He is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and AP Scholar with Distinction. He is a member of the Speech and Debate Team, the Track and Field Team, National Honor Society Executive Board, Spanish Honor Society and the Future Business Leaders of America. During high school he volunteered at Riddle Hospital, Brinton Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility, Adult Literacy and Citizenship Preparation Classes at Kaolin Mushroom Farms, and the National Institute of Child Health, Karachi, Pakistan. We wish Taha all the best as he starts his exciting career in medicine at Penn State.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mark your calendar for the Civic

Association's Annual Wine and Cheese meeting on Tuesday, October 23 at 7pm. Our speaker will be Don Weiss, Esquire/CPA of the Weiss Group. Don will be speaking about how to deal with the Delaware County 2018 Property Tax Reassessment. Topics will include: should you allow inspections of your property? How do you challenge your new property valuation and what to do if you are unsuccessful.



Rachel Kohl Community Library, serving the residents of Thornbury, Chadds Ford, Concord, Bethel and Chester Heights, has an exciting array of programs planned for children and adults this summer.

This year we continue the tradition of our Summer Learning/Reading Program. You can register for the SL/RP beginning Monday January 18. Our kick-off party is that afternoon at 2pm with a visit from Safari Parties, bringing an array of hot and cold-blooded creatures. Marshall Steam Museum will be bringing 2 programs of Music of the Road on June 27 at 10:30 and 1pm. Then July 26 they will present the Amazing Auto Race at 3pm; Bridge Builders on August 2 at 10:30; and Early Engineers at 10:30 on August 9.

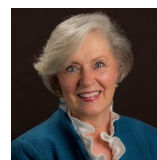
Lolly, from Let's Play Today, will be performing three musical and movement shows for the younger set: June 26 at 3pm; July 11 at 11am and August 8 at 11am.

AND Star Wars characters from Garrison Carida will be in formation on July 21st at 10:30 am. Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character. And bring your phone or camera to take pictures with your favorite storm trooper.

For adults we're offering the following: June 19th @ 6:30pm - Learning By Doing with Experimental Archaeology with the Newlin Grist Mill. June 28th @ 6:30pm - Container Herb Gardening with Penn State Master Gardeners. July 10th @ 6:00pm - Learning Calligraphy. August 7th @ 6:00pm - Paper Making with the Colonial Plantation. August 14th @ 6:30pm - Introduction to Composting presented by the Penn State Master Gardeners.

Some of these programs will require advance registration – closer to the time of the event. Again, all of this information and more is available on our website, www.kohllibrary.org, and/or you can sign up for our monthly newsletter on our website as well. We can be reached at 610-358-3445 or rkdirector@delcolibraries.org.

2018 OUTSTANDING CHADDS FORD CITIZEN TO BE HONORED



Congratulations to Debbie Reardon, Chadds Ford Township Open Space Chairman! Debbie has

been chosen as 2018 Chadds Ford Civic Association Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Mark your calendar for our Annual Wine and Cheese Meeting on October 23 when Debbie will be honored. Look for the Fall issue of this newsletter for more about Debbie's accomplishments and contributions to the community!



SEE CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP ON THE WEB AND FACEBOOK.



In the fall of 2014 the sitting Board of Supervisors adopted a restricted vegetation ordinance which may be found online in the Code of Chadds Ford Township at www.ChaddsFordPA.gov Chapter 126, "Vegetation, Restricted." The ordinance was adopted to deal with the unwanted spread of bamboo because it poses risks and hazards. Since the adoption of the chapter, the code has been used to enforce the spread of bamboo through resident complaints and Township Officials' observations.

Although bamboo may be used as natural fencing to provide privacy from your neighbor or abutting roadway, the noxious plant can create risks and hazards. Bamboo may pose a fire risk. Bamboo may provide shelter for unwanted rodents. Bamboo crowds out native plant species. Bamboo may ruin septic systems or other underground facilities. Bamboo may create hazards for motorists and school buses in the winter due to snow and ice weighing down the bamboo and causing it to obstruct a roadway. When bamboo spreads closer to one's home or roadway, so do the risks.

Like water during a flood, bamboo knows no boundaries or property lines. Some types of bamboo can grow three (3) feet per day. However, bamboo doesn't recede like flood waters. Bamboo needs to be controlled to avoid invading neighboring properties or adjacent roadways.

Per the Township's ordinance enacted in 2014, bamboo needs to be maintained ten (10) feet from any public right-of-way or property line. Also, per the ordinance—and the best way to control unwanted bamboo—is to install a high-density polypropylene or polyethylene (plastic) barrier thirty

(30) inches deep into the ground around the entire growth of a bamboo "patch." Digging up the ground with a backhoe to remove bamboo and its roots is an immediate and effective removal system but could still leave a few traces. It can ultimately take years to remove bamboo. Other ways to remove bamboo are to apply herbicides containing "glyphosate" which is a broad-spectrum herbicide and typically only kills plant species that are directly sprayed. Bamboo stalks can be repeatedly cut and mowed starving the bamboo but could take up to two (2) years to produce results.

So, look around your property and if you notice bamboo less than ten (10) feet from a neighboring property line or roadway, then take the actions to control it before a complaint is filed against you and enforcement actions are required to remedy the situation. It's okay to use bamboo to provide natural fencing, but it needs to be done in a controlled manner with a barrier and careful eye to ensure it doesn't run at-large onto neighboring properties or up against roadways.

OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE

Toward the end of last year, 2017, the township created an Open Space Task Force and hired a consultant to update its Open Space Plan Update responsive to the receipt of a grant to fund the project. Not only is the Open Space Task Force working on the document in conjunction with the consultant, the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art, but the township's Open Space Committee is also reviewing draft sections of the document. To date, a few committee meetings including a bus tour of the township and one (1) public meeting have been held. The Township's Open Space Plan has not been updated since it was adopted in December 2007.

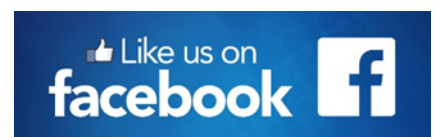
The updated Open Space Plan will serve as a blueprint for the protection, management and use of Chadds Ford's

most important natural and cultural resources. The plan will outline specific action steps to achieve the township's goals for protection of township open space and make recommendations for open space preservation priorities. Some of those goals include a blueprint for parks, recreation and trails in the township. There will be a focus on the recreational needs of the township. With the recent purchase of Painter's Folly and receipt of a grant to fund the construction of the Walkable Chadds Ford project, the township is headed down the right path in updating its Open Space Plan.

The next public meeting to unveil the work that has been done on the Open Space Plan will be Wednesday, August 29th at 6:00PM at the Township Building, 10 Ring Road. You are invited to attend to see the document and share your insight. Ultimately, the township plans to adopt the Open Space Plan by December 2018. If you have any questions about the Plan thus far, then feel free to contact the township at 610-388-8800.

Advertise Your Business Here!

Need more exposure for your business? Consider becoming a Chadds Ford Civic Association Business Member. Business members get a presence on the Civic Association website, exposure at our Annual Meeting and other events, a decal, and a \$25 discount on any advertisement placed in the Civic Association newsletter. All for the Business Membership cost of \$100. Business Memberships are open to businesses in the greater Chadds Ford area.



2018 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

ATTENTION CHADDS FORD RESIDENTS

Support your community! Become a member today!

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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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