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## BEAUTIFUL CHADDS FORD

Within seconds of turning off Route One or 202 we are in a unique and special environment... CHADDS FORD.

While surrounding communities missed the opportunity for a balance of careful commercial and residential development Chadds Ford residents and the Chadds Ford Civic Association fifty years ago began to take a different path. We want to thank our Civic Association members for supporting our mission to insure a carefully planned future.

Over the years the Civic Association has worked with Township government to protect and preserve our special community. For over fifty years the Civic Association has tried to keep our residents informed and to preserve a sense of community in this special place. This newsletter, which we send to all residents four times a year; plus our annual Community Day and biannual roadside clean up, food drive and recycling are all intended to insure the best possible future for Chadds Ford.

All members are invited to our annual wine and cheese meeting on October 24 when our Citizen of the year is honored and we host a presentation on local history. If you are not already a member please join us. The annual dues are only \$20

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



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH HISTORIAN BRUCE MOWDAY

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.



## COMMUNITY DAY AND ROADSIDE CLEANUP

We had record turnout for Roadside Clean-up on Saturday, April 22nd and another fantastic contribution to the City Team pantry in Chester. Special thanks to our Unionville HS volunteers, Ashwin Akki, Taylor Crittenden, Alexander Patrone, Ashwin Singh and Betty Zhang for their help with the Food Drive, Health Mats Company for hauling away the trash collected and delivering the pantry contributions and David Oehler for donating paper goods. Thank you to our volunteer crew and those who showed their support: Ray Birmingham, Matt DiFilippo, Nick Fuller, Stuart Gantt, Eric, Gartner, Tom Kerwin, Rob and Catherine King, Frank Murphy, Val Oehler, Bruce Prabel, Gardner Prabel, Samantha Reiner, Paul Reussille, Ellen and Tom Singer, Alice Trivellas, Tori Zorab and Kirsty.

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

For several years, the Civic Association of Chadds Ford Township has provided a scholarship to a Chadds Ford resident and high school senior. 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.

**A MESSAGE FROM  
CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP**



**DO YOU NEED A TOWNSHIP PERMIT  
FOR YOUR PROJECT?**

The history, culture and countryside of Chadds Ford Township make it a special place to live and work. Residents and business owners alike take pride in their property, and look to maintain their property value. So, before you are ready to tackle that summer construction project at your home or business within the Township, please note that the Township does require

construction permits for most projects. Township permits are required to assure compliance with International Building Codes, and more importantly, safety allowing Township professionals the opportunity to inspect and properly document the construction work taking place at your residence or business. If you have any questions about your project, please give the Township a call. In some cases, more than a construction permit is required. Special permission is necessary to grade steep slopes on your property or encroach outside of your building setback. Listed below are examples of common construction projects that require Township permits.

- Any grading activity involving earth disturbance in excess of 4,000 square feet or an addition of impervious coverage of 500 square feet (such as a paver patio)
- New deck construction or replacement of structural elements
- Large landscaping projects in excess of 4,000 square feet
- In ground, above ground or temporary pools over 24 inches deep
- Accessory structures such as sheds, garages or pole barns
- Retaining walls
- New driveways or expansion of existing driveways
- Demolition or addition to any structure
- Basement alterations
- Any and all electrical work
- New, replacement or repair of HVAC systems
- New, replacement or repair of plumbing
- Enlarging doors and windows
- Stairs or fireplaces; roofing or fences
- Permanent or temporary signs (all styles including signs on mobile stands)
- Wells and septic systems

You may think, "What's the big deal if I don't pull a permit? It's my property and I have property rights!" There's no

argument it's your property and you have property rights, but doing work to your property in Chadds Ford Township without permits is unlawful. Unpermitted work can create health and safety hazards, cause unnecessary pollution due to uncontrolled construction runoff (without proper erosion controls) and can create assessment issues for your property's assessment value. Always feel free to contact the Township about your construction projects as Township staff is here to help you understand and guide you through the process. It is not the intent of the Township to hinder your projects, hold you up or make more work for you or ourselves; however, it is the intention of the Township to protect you, the greater community and the continued appeal residents and business owners alike seek in living or working in Chadds Ford Township.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE DEL CO ALERT**

Chadds Ford Residents – Sign-up For Delco Alert. The Township is now using the Delaware County emergency notification system for all Township emergency notifications. The purpose of this system is to quickly inform citizens, via telephone, text, and/or email, of emergencies in or near Chadds Ford Township that may directly impact them. Delco Alert will be used only for emergencies and for no other purpose! If you have a landline, then you should receive alerts; otherwise, you can sign up your mobile phone number, register your email or download the app. Chadds Ford residents are urged to sign-up for Delco Alert at <http://www.delcoalert.org>. Residents without Internet access may complete a form at the Township building. All residents are strongly

encouraged to take advantage of this emergency system and enroll. Information and a link to Delco Alert are available at [www.chaddsfordpa.gov](http://www.chaddsfordpa.gov). Contact the Township at 610-388-8800 with any questions or concerns.



### PRIMARY ELECTION DAY MAY 16

352 or 13% of Chadds Ford 2,681 registered voters cast ballots on Municipal Primary Day May 16. 35% were Democrats and 65% were Republicans. Winning the Republican primary at the Township level, (all running unopposed and incumbents) were Supervisor: Noelle Barbone, Tax Collector: Valerie Hoxter, Auditor: Joe Pileggi, Judge of Election, NE: Linda Jensen Henry, Inspector of Election, NE: Gail Force, Judge of Election SE: Susie Dunwoody and Inspector of Election SW: Katharine King. Winning the Democratic primary at the Township level were Judge of Election NE: Christina Iacono, Inspector of Election NE: Rob Porter and Inspector of Election: Stephanie Ladner.

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 [VotesPA.com](http://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.

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### SENATOR KILLION SATELLITE OFFICE CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP

To better serve constituents, State Senator Tom Killion will have a satellite office at Chadds Ford Township Municipal Building once a month on the, 2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning June 14th. The hours will be from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Services available to residents are listed below.

Senator Tom Killion – 9th Senatorial District and his staff can help you by providing . . .

- Status reports on legislation
- Help with problems you may encounter when dealing with state government and its agencies
- Copies of PA House and Senate bills and state laws
- Help in processing PennDOT motor vehicle titles, registrations, driver's licenses and learner's permits renewals, disability plate/placards –
- Applications for PA birth and death certificates
- Pennsylvania child abuse history clearance applications
- Pennsylvania criminal history applications
- Pennsylvania Tax Forms
- Informational brochures and forms
- Guide to benefits and rights for senior citizens
- Property tax and rent rebate forms
- PACE/PACENET applications
- Pennsylvania Driver's Manuals
- Pennsylvania transportation maps
- Absentee ballot applications and voter registration forms
- PHEAA information on student aid for higher education
- Forms from the Bureau of Consumer Protection
- Forms from the Pennsylvania Corporation Bureau

- Notary applications – NO CHARGE
- Senatorial Citations and Certificates of Recognition to commemorate 50th anniversaries, 100th birthdays, and special achievements like Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold awards, or other important occasions
- SEPTA Transit ID applications
- Fishing & hunting information
- Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups



### SUGGEST A SPEAKER

Each year the Civic Association holds its Annual Membership Meeting in the fall with wine and cheese, election of board members and a short program featuring an interesting speaker. Some of our past speakers have been authors and experts on Chadds Ford history and the Battle of the Brandywine, Victoria Wyeth, the Keurners, and John Milner. We are always looking for interesting speakers that our members will enjoy. At our Annual Meeting on October 24 we are pleased to have popular author and historian Bruce Mowday. Bruce will be speaking about the subject of his book, September 11, 1777: Washington's Defeat at the Brandywine Dooms Philadelphia. If you have any suggestions, please contact us at our website: [www.chaddsfordcivicassn.org](http://www.chaddsfordcivicassn.org). We would love to get your input.



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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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