



New Preserve Steward in The Laurels.

CALEB MEREDITH joined Brandywine Conservancy as a new Preserve Steward. He joins the Laurels team with **John Goodall**, Laurels Preserve Director and **Grant Folin**, Laurels Preserve Manager. Caleb will be spending most of his time doing property stewardship in the Laurels Preserve and on the



CALEB MEREDITH, PRESERVE STEWARD.

Miller Farm. Caleb graduated from Indiana University and has been working for several years in the preservation and protection of natural landscapes.

Welcome Caleb!

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500th Farm Preserved in County Program!

Chester County's Open Space Program will be preserving its 500th farm in the county this year!!!! This brings the total number of acres under the County preservation program to just under 40,000 acres and a total of all land trusts and programs, to over 136,000 acres – 28% of the County is preserved!

We thank our 3 County Commissioners (**Cozzone, Farrell and Kichline**) for their continued support of this “Farmers’ program” which began in 1989:

Commissioner Kathy Cozzone recently said: “Agriculture is Chester County’s leading industry and our farm preservation programs help keep it that way, ensuring that our natural and historical resources are protected and that we continue to supply local fresh food.”



ROSE & MICHAEL PETERS, CURRENT OWNERS OF "FOUR BELLS", NEWLIN TOWNSHIP. PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TUEL & TINGLE. THE 1ST FARM TO BE PRESERVED IN CHESTER COUNTY IN 1989

Commissioner **Terrence Farrell** noted: “Nearly 30 years ago, with the backing of its citizens, Chester County created and funded one of the most comprehensive and sustained efforts in the nation to preserve open space. It has helped to define Chester County’s high quality of life, and we, as the current Board of Commissioners, are pleased to continue these preservation efforts as an intrinsic part of our plan for current and future growth.”

“Chester County has been actively investing in open space and are pleased to continue these preservation efforts [continued on p.4]

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



COMMUNITY NEWS:

Births:

Kate & Jake Chalfin,
baby boy, Gus

Elizabeth & Justin Colella,
baby boy, Maso

Stephanie & Ivan Dowling
baby boy, Connor

Stacey & Stewart Gross
baby boy, Ryder

Marriages:

Lauren & Sean Lyons

New Landowners:

Sandra Perkowski,
East Fallowfield Township
Kaitlyn & Marc Ward
East Marlborough Township

Passings:

Pamela Alvarez
Jessie Allred
Dave Davis
Fred Frey
Harvey Journey
Elizabeth Powell
Kathee Rengert
Phyllis Wyeth

**Our hearts go to all the families for the loss of their loved ones, even to those who we hadn't had a chance to get to know yet.*

It has been a great year for the Buck & Doe region. I hope you enjoy the cover article highlighting Chester County 's preservation program easing its 500th farm. This clearly is a milestone especially when you realize this effort was reached one farm at a time. We thank the County for their continued support for conservation and open space. Very importantly, we thank the individual farmer and their family for preserving their farm. Everyone working together truly does make a difference.

BDT is off to a good year. In early spring, we joined, with Brandywine Conservancy and CHC, as "Partners in Preservation" at the Cheshire races. Our Adopt-A-Highway have "hit the road" staying ahead of the mounting debris left on our country

roads. This keeps us focused on our incredible views while supporting the environment.

Behind the scenes, we are diligently working with our friends at the Brandywine Conservancy. We hope you can attend our annual Spring Fling breakfast in The Laurels on May 19th. We will be unveiling a few of our projects. Does anyone have a thought as to what these projects might be? Please let me know if you have a good guess!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Fling! In the meantime, enjoy your spring!

Amy McKenna President
AmyMcKenna123@aol.com

"Pass the Buck"

The Pass the Buck award has been "passed" to the deserving hands of **Nancy Mohr**.

Thanks Nancy for all you have done over so many years!

Pass it on!



NANCY MOHR



OLIVER P. BASS - NATURAL LANDS



BRIANNE ZANIN - OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION FOR CHESTER COUNTY

Oliver P. Bass named new President of Natural Lands

Oliver Bass has dedicated much of his career to conservation. Over 21 years at Natural Lands he led the organization's communications efforts and grew its mission commitment to connecting people to nature, greatly expanding participation in public programs and volunteerism, elevating the organization's public profile, and launching a new initiative to improve equitable access to green spaces in underserved communities of our region's suburbs. As a result, visitation to preserves has grown by 220% to 125,000 people a year; more than 100 programs each year are attracting 5,000 participants; the Force of Nature program has graduated 200 volunteers; and overall volunteer participation has doubled to more than 5,000 hours annually. Welcome Oliver! We are looking forward to seeing you especially at Natural Land's local preserve, ChesLen!



Brianne Zanin, New Director of Open Space Preservation for Chester County

Chester County Commissioners **Michelle Kichline, Kathi Cozzone and Terence Farrell** announce the appointment of **Brianne Zanin** as Director of Chester County's Department of Open Space Preservation, effective February 4, 2019. Zanin, 34, moves to this new role following six years as Deputy Director of the County of Maui Department of Parks and Recreation.

As Director of Open Space Preservation for Chester County, Brianne will lead the department in the strategic effort to preserve agricultural land, municipal parks, trails, greenways, and other land preservation projects. During her time with the County of Maui Department of Parks and Recreation, Brianne was responsible for 142 county parks spanning more than 2,500 acres, a \$30 million annual operating budget and \$12-\$40 million capital budget, and overseeing the performance management of more than 275 full-time and 400 part-time employees.

Zanin takes over the leadership role from **Bill Gladden** who was named Executive Director of French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust in August.

THE "BUCKBOARD"

- Brandywine Conservancy would like to offer a complimentary copy of the '**Catalyst for Conservation**' to their members while supplies last.

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Western Area Manager for BC
at his Doe Run office:
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jgoodall@nni.netanks.

SPRING FLING

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH
10 AM - NOON
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
IN THE LAURELS

Come enjoy a pancake breakfast complete with Country Butcher sausages and fresh, seasonal strawberries!

This year we will be at our original location off of Apple Grove Rd at the Hayes Clarke Covered Bridge!

Come see a few of our surprises we have been working on for you!

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

In the early years of the King Ranch project, the Buck & Doe Trust was initially called Buck and Doe Land, Inc.

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THE BUCK & DOE TRUST WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE TIME OF THE KING RANCH PROJECT TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM. THE TRUST SEEKS TO WELCOME NEWCOMERS AND OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS, NEW AND OLD, TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER. THE BOARD MEMBERS HOST THE **SPRING FLING IN THE LAURELS** (A CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST), AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH FOCUS ON "COMMUNITY CONSERVATION".

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www.buckanddoetrust.org

MISSION:

The Buck and Doe Trust is a non-profit organization OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOSE STATED MISSION IS SUPPORT OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION WITHIN THE BUCK AND DOE RUN WATERSHEDS. THESE WATERSHEDS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE TOWNSHIPS OF EAST FALLOWFIELD, WEST MARLBOROUGH, EAST MARLBOROUGH, HIGHLAND, LONDONDERRY, AND NEWLIN.

The Trust initiatives to accomplish this mission are:

- PROMOTE, THROUGH MEMBER INVOLVEMENT AND EDUCATION, THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL HIGH QUALITY CONSERVATION EASEMENTS WITHIN THE BUCK AND DOE WATERSHEDS.
- MONITOR AND SUPPORT ACTIVE ENFORCEMENT BY EASEMENT GRANTEES OF ALL EXISTING CONSERVATION EASEMENT REQUIREMENTS.
- PARTICIPATE, INFLUENCE, AND MONITOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE LAURELS RESERVE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CENTER OF THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY.
- INITIATE AND ENCOURAGE ACTIVE AND TIMELY COMMUNICATION ON LAND AND WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION ISSUES WITHIN THE BUCK AND DOE WATERSHEDS.

BOARD MEMBERS

Amy McKenna – President
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John Goodall – Treasurer

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Suzanne Kloud
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Janet Sidewater
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Barbara Stewart
Lizzie Vannote
Tucker Hunter II-Intern



SUPPORTING LAND & WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION

Supporting “Partners in Preservation” at the CHC Races

BDT joined in supporting the Brandywine Conservancy's Partners in Preservation hospitality tent at the CHC races on March 30th. The Conservancy's tent was a welcoming venue on many levels including a great place to warm up from the cold winds outside. BDT board members cooked up a very popular "hot dog bar" serving over 175 of the attendees. The Whip and The Hearth Kitchen also provided food as everyone mingled among the conservation maps and related materials. It was a fun day for all!



JACK & KIM REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
JOHN GOODALL (RIGHT) DIRECTOR, LAURELS PRESERVE, SENIOR
OUTREACH ASSOCIATE, (BC)



JANET SIDEWATER, BDT BOARD MEMBER (LEFT)
ELLEN FERRETTI, DIRECTOR OF BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY



2018 Holiday Party



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as an intrinsic part of our plan for current and future growth.”

“Chester County has been actively investing in open space for nearly 30 years, and that decision is now paying



GERALD & CINDY ROHRER RECENTLY PRESERVED THEIR FAMILY FARM IN UPPER OXFORD AND WEST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP, THE 500TH FARM SINCE THE COUNTY PROGRAM STARTED

dividends in ways that I believe the original county commissioners who started the program would not have thought possible,” said commissioners’ Chairwoman **Michelle Kichline**.

The Chester County Open Space Program preserved its 1st farm in 1989. It is located in our very own Newlin Township. Many of us know the farm right out of Unionville on Rt 842. It was the **Tuel & Tingle** farm. The family operated their nursery business until they sold to Rose & Michael Peters in recent years. The Peters have renamed the farm **FOUR BELLS**. They are currently updating the farm and have their farming plans to support the local agriculture economy.

This year, the County celebrates its preserving of the 500th farm. The 109 acre farm is owned by **Cindy and Gerald Rohrer** located in Upper Oxford and West Fallowfield Townships. Their family has owned the farm since 1966. They took over the farm in 2001 and today primarily grow corn for livestock and hay (for horses and mulch hay for the mushroom industry).

Details on Chester County’s program: Farm preservation in Chester County is based on an agricultural conserva-

tion easement. Farms that are 10 acres or more are eligible if they are adjacent to permanently preserved land. Farms not adjacent to permanently preserved land must be a minimum of 50 acres for the Commonwealth/County program and 25 acres in size for the Municipal Challenge Grant program.

Eligibility requirements for the County program:

<http://www.chesco.org/1368/Farm-Programs-Overview>

The deadline for applications is August 1 of each year.

Also, **John Goodall** (610-383-9515;

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(A special thank you to **Michael P. Rellahan**, staff writer for the *Daily Local News*, for excerpts in this article)

