



# CHADDS FORD TODAY



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*The Chairman's Corner by Frank G. Murphy*

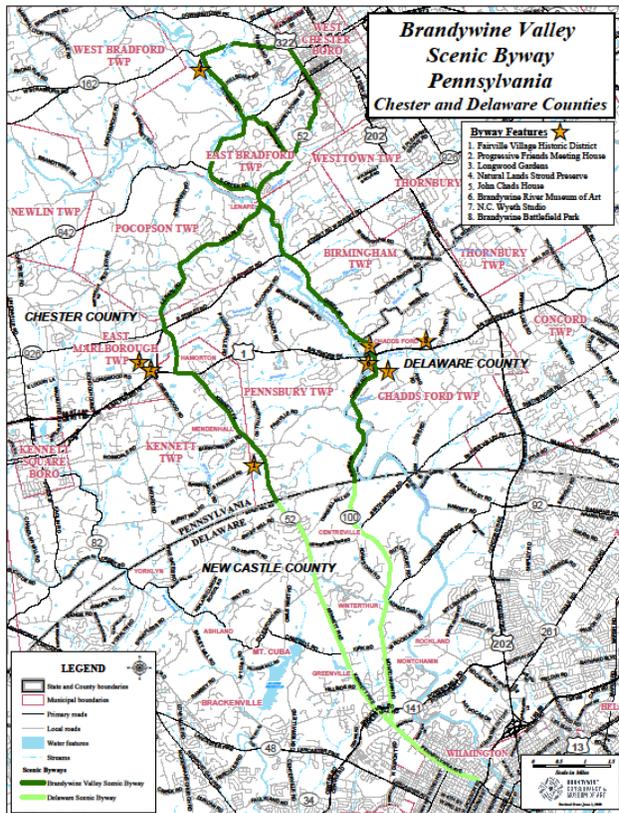
## SOME GOOD NEWS!

It's my pleasure to publish this edition of "Chadds Ford Today" because it's full of good news. The Supervisors and I are honored to pay tribute to the Unionville Chadds Ford graduates in the Class of 2020. We're also especially proud to include an article about a Chadds Ford resident who recently graduated the US Naval Academy and will be serving our country as a Marine officer. The Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission is moving forward with a National Byways application for the 25 mile corridor and the Chadds Ford Township Sewer Authority is implementing plans to address current needs and prevent future problems with their upcoming projects.

Please be sure to sign-up for the Township's weekly email blasts by visiting our homepage at [chaddsfordpa.gov](http://chaddsfordpa.gov) and looking for the "sign-up" link. This is an excellent way to stay informed of meetings, agenda items and land development proposals.

## Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway National Designation

In late 2019, President Trump signed the Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act, which opened nominations for state byways to apply for National Scenic Byway designation from the Federal Highways Administration. As background, the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway was designated as a state byway in 2005 and consists of a 25-mile corridor that connects to the Delaware NSB on Route 52 and on Creek Roads (formerly Route 100) and winds in basically a figure-eight pattern ending on Route 162 in East Bradford near the Stroud Preserve.



At the February meeting of the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission, it was agreed that we would begin the process of writing the application and gathering input from the Boards of the member Townships: **East Bradford, Pocopson, Kennett, Pennsbury** and **Chadds Ford**. We have received many questions and are compiling those answers in a FAQ format to distribute to the Townships along with a White Paper identifying the benefits and obligations of a National Scenic Byway designation. We have struggled to gather public input during the COVID-19 lockdown and are holding our monthly Commission meetings via teleconferencing. We are encouraging public comment and questions on NSB designation – please email us at

## Pet Safety Tips

As many of us our spending much more time at home during this pandemic, here are some tips for keeping your pets safe.

- Make sure you research the types of flowers and plants that may be toxic to your pets. Lilies, for example, and other seasonal plants can be toxic to dogs and cats.
- Make sure that pets are kept away when you are cleaning a portion of your house. Cleaning chemicals and disinfectants are toxic to pets.
- Just as with humans, pets can also suffer from seasonal allergies. Talk to your veterinarian if you notice that your pet is suffering from allergies.
- Have your pets safety in mind when you are treating and maintaining the lawn. Pesticides and herbicides can pose dangers to pets.
- With the spring here and summer on its way, more outdoor time for your pet means a greater chance that your pet becomes lost. Make sure that your pet is wearing a secure ID tag or is micro-chipped before spending long amounts of time in the outdoors.
- Please help to keep our outdoor areas and trails sanitary for others.

**PLEASE CLEAN UP  
AFTER YOUR PET!!**



## 2020 Census Digital Action Weekend

In early May, the U.S. Census Bureau promoted the 2020 Census Digital Action Weekend. The Digital Action Weekend is a way that the U.S. Census Bureau can promote the 2020 Census digitally, through social media and other online means. Community leaders, influencers, and avid social media users were all encouraged during that weekend to spread the word online that it is not too late to respond to the 2020 Census. The U.S. Census Bureau collects information that helps businesses, elected officials, and community leaders make informed decisions. You can complete your 2020 Census questionnaire by phone, by mail, or online. One person should respond for each household.



### Respond to the Census:

Online: [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov)

Telephone: (844) 330-2020

Mailing Address: **U.S. Census Bureau**

**National Processing Center**

**100 Logistics Avenue**

**Jeffersonville, IN 47144**

## Delaware County Reassessment

The Delaware County Court of Common Pleas issued a court-ordered reassessment of all real estate within the County. The purpose of this reassessment is to redistribute real estate property taxes based on current market values. A new assessed value will be assigned to all properties in time for the **2021 tax year**. This reassessment cannot legally be used to generate more tax revenue for the county. **Reassessment Hotline: (610) 891-5695.**

### Formal Appeals:

New **notices of value** will be mailed on or before July 1, 2020. Instructions will also be sent on how to file a formal appeal.

### Contact Information:

**Tyler Technologies—Delaware County Reassessment Team**

Phone Number: **(610) 891- 5695**

Email Address: [delco@tylertech.com](mailto:delco@tylertech.com)

## 2020 Road Program

Several Township roads will be repaved during 2020 as part of the Annual Road Program. A.F. Damon Inc. is the paving company that was awarded the contract. These paving projects will occur within the next few months.

The 2020 Road Program includes repaving **Heyburn Road** from Ridge Road to a point between Hilloch and Keepsake. There will be a 'soft closure' of that section of Heyburn. Thru-traffic will not be allowed, but local residents will still be able to traverse the area without issue. The work also includes areas of swale restoration.

There will also be paving and adjusting the grade at **Coopershawk Lane** where it intersects Ridge Road to fix failed paving and drainage issues. Additionally,

## What Not to Flush

In order to avoid sewer backups and overflows as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, please read the following reminder from the Chadds Ford Sewer Authority about what **NOT** to flush.

With the recent temporary shortage of toilet paper and increased use of sanitizing wipes, this is a good time to remind everyone that just because something **CAN** be flushed, doesn't mean it **SHOULD** be flushed. Flushing any kind of wipes – even those labeled as "flushable" – or other paper products like paper towels, paper napkins or even tissues can clog pipes and lead to internal and external pipe blockages and sewer emergencies.

So please remember, whether you're on public sewer or a private septic system, please don't flush anything other than toilet paper to avoid unnecessary emergencies.

## **CAN YOU BEAR A FORBEARANCE?**

This past March, the State Legislature enacted a new law that allows a borrower the right to defer mortgage payments for up to six months without penalty (“forbearance”). In some cases, an additional six-month extension is available. However, this option does not mean those payments are “forgiven.” The borrower is still obligated to repay the money. On May 1st, Fannie Mae announced that 7% of their loans are already in forbearance, and the Veteran's Administration and FHA announced almost 10.5% of their borrowers have applied. Is this option right for you?



Please be aware that electing to apply and receive a forbearance for monthly mortgage payments can be a double-edge sword. There are many considerations before you elect to obtain a forbearance from your lender. If your mortgage payment includes real estate tax and homeowner's insurance payments, at the end of the year, when your lender balances out your account, your tax and insurance escrow accounts will be short. This could result in an increased monthly payment until the lender can make up the shortage. Also, you may have difficulty obtaining a new mortgage if you decide to sell your home and buy a new one. Some lenders require that 3 to 6 straight months of mortgage payments on your current loan be made before considering a new application.

Unfortunately, because so many have suffered a loss of income as a result of the economic effects of COVID-19, there is simply no choice but to take advantage of forbearance, and that is okay. I am simply sharing a perspective that should be considered. Being an informed consumer is key to making a choice that is right for you. Stay safe!

## **Easy Ways to Protect Our Trails and Waterways**

Chadds Ford Township is situated in the picturesque Brandywine Valley and Brandywine Watershed. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing guidelines, more people have been going for hikes and nature walks to get fresh air and exercise. Families will often take their pets. It is important to keep our creeks and streams clean, and to protect the local wildlife. Here are some useful things residents can do protect our local trails and waterways:

### **Please adhere to Township Code Chapter 91 Trails, Parks and Open Space Regulations.**

- “Pets must be leashed at all times by a responsible person. Pet owners are required to clean up after their pets and deposit any used pet waste bags in a trash receptacle.”

### **Always properly use and dispose of hazardous materials.**

- Illicit discharge of hazardous products would include the following: oil, grease, gasoline, sediments, chemicals, detergents, and products containing chlorine.
- Do not pour hazardous liquids down the storm drain, since storm drains are usually connected to local waterways. Make sure that sewage or other waste flow is prevented from flowing into the storm water system.

### **Limit use of pesticides and fertilizers**

- Make sure to not use fertilizer if heavy rain is forecast in the near future.
- Look into natural alternatives to pesticides and conduct a soil test to find out if fertilizer is necessary.

### **Dispose of yard waste properly**

- Keep leaves and grass clippings out of storm drains and culvert.
- Use mulching lawn mowers which recycle grass into the lawn.





## CHADDS FORD RESIDENT ELAN NASH GRADUATES UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Due to the pandemic, Elan Nash’s senior year at the United States Naval Academy (USNA) ended similarly to his senior year at Unionville — doing his homework in his sweats at his family’s dining room table. Fortunately, however, after four demanding years of striving to graduate, the 1,017 Midshipmen in the Class of 2020 were able to take their Oath of Office at USNA. Elan’s swearing-in ceremony was in person, in uniform, in a small socially distanced group of fellow Midshipmen, exactly where he took his Oath on Induction Day as a Plebe (freshman) in June 2016, a few weeks after he graduated from Unionville.

Elan graduated from the USNA with an Engineering degree and was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. The Marine Corps is part of the Department of the Navy. The Naval Academy graduates and commissions both Navy and Marine officers.

In addition to Elan’s year-round academic and military responsibilities at USNA, he played Navy Football for four years. This past season was one for the record books — bouncing back to an 11-2 record, beating Army and winning the Liberty Bowl, a storybook way for the “Firsties” (seniors) to finish their college football careers and begin their military careers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Nash is honored to have been selected to serve as a Marine Pilot. His first assignment is to work at USNA with the incoming Plebes. He will also help coach football until he leaves for Quantico, VA in early September to begin Marine officer training. He will report to Pensacola, FL after that to begin flight school and the extensive training required to earn his Wings. Elan is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead as he serves our



### Good Neighbor Property Maintenance Ordinance Under Consideration

After many hours of investigation and research, the Township’s Ordinance Committee has drafted a Good Neighbor Property Maintenance Ordinance. Similar ordinances from various other local municipalities, as well as the International Property Maintenance Code, were consulted for content. The draft ordinance was submitted to the Township’s Planning Commission last spring for review and comment. After several review sessions and subsequent revisions, the Good Neighbor ordinance is now before the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

At the Supervisors’ Workshop of June 24th, Vice Chair Samantha Reiner summarized the provisions, stating that it is not the Supervisors’ intent to invade residents’ privacy or personal property, however, at times, dangerous conditions exist that do create a health, safety and welfare issue. The Good Neighbor Ordinance would come into play when those situations exist. Sections of the draft Ordinance include: General Provisions; Definitions and Interpretation; Maintenance Requirements; Rubbish, and Garbage and Recyclable Materials.

The Supervisors plan to allow opportunities for further public comment before scheduling the required public hearing prior to adoption, possibly on August 5th. The draft Ordinance is available for review on the Township’s website ([chaddsfordpa.gov](http://chaddsfordpa.gov), under “Public Notices”) and at the Township Office. A copy will also be emailed to Home Owners Associations, business groups and realtors. Please submit comments to the Township Manager at [mgr@chaddsfordpa.gov](mailto:mgr@chaddsfordpa.gov).

#### Summer Corn Salad

##### Ingredients:

- 4 ears corn
- 1 red onion, cut into small dice
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into small dice
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into small dice
- Handful cilantro finely chopped

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- juice of 1 lime
- kosher salt and ground black pepper

##### Directions:

1. Shave corn off the cob and place in bowl. Add the onions, bell peppers, cilantro, and mix.

2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lime juice and a pinch of salt and pepper. Dress the corn with the mixture, adding additional salt and pepper, if needed.

Retrieved from Food Network, Courtesy of Yaara Amberg, 2014



**UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS of 2020**

The Chadds Ford Township Board of Supervisors Salutes the Class of 2020!

We'd like to take this opportunity to give a special salute to the Chadds Ford residents listed below for their perseverance in light of the many graduation activities that had to be modified or completely cancelled during the quarantine period. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and dedication! Our very best wishes for a bright future!

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<b>BRADLEY, ETHAN PAUL</b>	<b>LIAO, KEVIN</b>
<b>BRANT, IAN CORSON</b>	<b>MARGOLIN, KELSIE NICOLE</b>
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<b>CHARLTON, MALLORY LYNNE</b>	<b>MURRAY, JOSEPH HOWARD</b>
<b>CRAWFORD, HALEY ELIZABETH</b>	<b>NARUN, ALEXIA ESTHER</b>
<b>DANG, JESSICA THIEN-HUONG</b>	<b>NIEMKIEWICZ, LILY MARGARET</b>
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<b>FERENTINOS, ALEXANDRA LEE</b>	<b>PARRETT, SAMANTHA LOUISE</b>
<b>GADAGKAR, ADARSH HRISHIKESH</b>	<b>PATEL, ARNAV MANISH</b>
<b>GADAGKAR, DARSHAK HRISHIKESH</b>	<b>PIERCE-LUNDGREN, SARA ELIZABETH</b>
<b>GARVER, JACOB A</b>	<b>QIU, DAISY</b>
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<b>GIBSON, SHANE BARRY</b>	<b>SHEN, ANGELIA</b>
<b>HAGE, WILLIAM SPENCER</b>	<b>SMIDDY, THOMAS MATTHEW</b>
<b>HANSEN, TOM NOEL</b>	<b>STOKES, LAUREN</b>
<b>HJALTASON, ANTON</b>	<b>VONGNARATH, ETHAN CAIN</b>
<b>HUANG, ANDREW LIYANG</b>	<b>WANG, EVAN</b>
<b>JAFRI, EMAAN ZEHRA</b>	<b>WHITLOCK, BRYCE</b>
<b>JIN, MATTHEW JIAYE</b>	<b>WICKRAMASINHA, DYLAN ERAJ</b>
<b>JOSHI, VIRAJ</b>	<b>WRABLEY, JADEN CANTWELL</b>
<b>KIZUN, JACOB ALEXANDER</b>	<b>YALAMANCHILI, SAVAN NIRMAL</b>
<b>KUCHARCZUK, PETER MICHAEL</b>	<b>YEH, CATHERINE</b>
<b>LEATHERS, MAYA ELIZABETH</b>	<b>YIN, HANLEY</b>
<b>LI, CRYSTAL JUNE</b>	



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**FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR:** Anita Swayne  
**ASSISTANT TO THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER:** Tammi S. Maciolek  
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## **Archie's Corner**

Chadds Ford was home to a small African American community well over 100 years ago. Archie's Corner is located at the northwest corner of Ring Road and Bullock Road. Many of us drive past this old ruin plenty of times without knowing the background history to the property. In 1838, the School District of Birmingham Township bought the property of Robert Bullock and erected the Bullock Octagonal School. Octagonal school buildings were a very popular design during the 1830s. The school was sold in 1875 and another school building was built adjacent to the Bullock Octagonal School.

In 1891, Lydia A. Archie, who was the oldest ordained female preacher in the African Union M.P. Church, purchased the property and used the schoolhouse as a church. The ground just to the north of the former schoolhouse would be used as a cemetery. She led a small African American congregation for about 40 year until her death in 1932. Sadly, after her death, the church disbanded and the site became a ruin. Then in 1953, the artist Andrew Wyeth did a drawing of the old ruins titled "Archie's Corner". Subsequently, Wyeth would frequent paint at the property and some of the former members of Archie's church. Today, Chadds Ford Township owns and maintains the Archie's Corner property, so that a part of Chadds Ford's rich history can be preserved.

### **TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

#### **Board of Supervisors:**

Regular Meeting: 7/1/2020 at 7PM  
Regular Meeting: 8/5/2020 at 7PM  
Workshop: 7/29/2020 at 7PM  
Workshop: 8/26/2020 at 7PM

#### **HARB:**

Regular Meeting: 7/13/2020 at 7PM  
Regular Meeting: 8/10/2020 at 7PM

#### **Planning Commission:**

Regular Meeting: 7/8/2020 at 7PM  
Regular Meeting: 8/12/2020 at 7PM

#### **Zoning Hearing Board:**

Regular Meeting: 7/15/2020 at 7PM  
Regular Meeting: 8/19/2020 at 7PM

### **NOTICE OF VIRTUAL/ONLINE MEETINGS**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Emergency Declarations issued by the Commonwealth, Delaware County and Chadds Ford Township, any meeting convened will be held virtually/online until further notice. This includes all Boards, Commissions and Committees. For each meeting held, a web link and call-in telephone number will be posted on the Township website; the exterior entrance to the Township Building, and emailed to those on the Township email list. Further instructions regarding this process will be available on the Township website at

[www.chaddsfordpa.gov](http://www.chaddsfordpa.gov). If it is determined that a meeting must be cancelled, notice will be posted on the website.

