



# CHADDS FORD TODAY



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

## ***The Spotted Lanternfly; Our Newest Pest***

It may seem to you that I'm fixated on insects of one type or another. My last article for Chadds Ford Today was on the many benefits of our pollinator friends, the bees. This article, however, concentrates on an insect not so friendly to our environment: the Spotted Lanternfly.

'Search and destroy', should be the motto for dealing with the latest invasive species which has invaded Chadds Ford Township and has taken over Southeastern Pennsylvania. The Spotted Lanternfly, also known as "Lycorma delicatula (White)", was first discovered in the United States in 2014, in Berks County. Since the past year, it has since spread throughout the southeastern third of Pennsylvania, parts of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and even Virginia. Our latest invasive species' native habitat is found in China, Vietnam, and India. Over in that part of the world, it is not considered an invasive species, since there are enough predators which will destroy the insect. In the Northeastern U.S., there are few known native predators.



The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Penn State University Extension, and the United States Department of Agriculture have teamed up to control the spread of these pests. These plant hoppers have wreaked havoc on many agricultural crops. They are known to draw out the sap from fruit and hardwood trees, greatly damaging them. If you see a Spotted Lanternfly on your property, kill it immediately. If you are driving out of the region, try to inspect your vehicle and any items inside your vehicle to see if there are any Spotted Lanternflies that you may inadvertently be giving a ride to other areas. Please see <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly> for more information and photos of the Spotted Lanternfly and how to remove the egg masses. Thank you!

## **Autumn Happenings**

The autumn months are one of my favorite times of the year. There are plenty of events and activities that take place on crisp fall days and so much to see around Chadds Ford Township. I was delighted to participate in The Great Pumpkin Carve, which is organized by the Chadds Ford Historical Society. The Board of Supervisors and the Township Manager were able to carve our own pumpkin. It is an annual Chadds Ford event that the whole family can enjoy. It was incredible to observe the creativity and diversity in the great assortment of pumpkin carvings.

Earlier in September, the Chadds Ford Historical Society also hosted Chadds Ford Days, a long time Chadds Ford festival which has recently been revived. There were 18th Century reenactors, food trucks serving barbeque and crab cakes, and dozens of local artisans selling their wares. These two events have been a significant boost for the surrounding businesses in the Village of Chadds Ford, by generating more traffic, thanks to the wonderful staff and volunteers at CFHS.

I want to thank all of the volunteers that made the annual Recycling Day at the Chadds Ford Township Building a success. Electronics were able to be dropped off for recycling, and there was a large shredder on premises for paper documents. Goodwill was also there in the afternoon to collect gently used clothing and furniture, which goes to City Team in Chester. I also want to thank the Civic Association of Chadds Ford and all of its volunteers for organizing and facilitating the annual Roadside Cleanup. It is wonderful to see these community events grow each year.

Lastly, Patriot's Day is being celebrated by the Brandywine Battlefield Park. On an annual basis, the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates celebrates Patriot's Day on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year, November 30th will be the date designated for special activities to take place. From 10 AM to 4 PM, the public can observe and participate in musket drills, living history demonstrations, house tours, and blacksmith demonstrations. There will be plenty of activities for both children and adults. Please try to attend!



## DCED Grant Award

Chadds Ford Township is pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) has awarded \$100,000 to Phase One of construction for the



Walkable Chadds Ford project. The mission of DCED is to support sustainable principles and good stewardship across the commonwealth. DCED also provides training and financial resources to help Pennsylvania communities to thrive.

## Life Safety Inspections

On July 25, 2018, the Board of Supervisors of Chadds Ford Township passed Ordinance #155 to provide for Life and Safety Inspections of commercial, non-residential properties and buildings, and common areas located within residential rental or multi-family residential uses within the Township.

The purpose of the ordinance is to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of residents by establishing minimum regulations for fire extinguishers, well marked and accessible exits, etc. The ordinance requires that the Township Fire Marshal or another designated Township representative perform an inspection. The fee for this inspection has been waived for 2019. Please contact the Township office (610-388-8800, ext. 100) to schedule an inspection if you haven't already done so. Help us to ensure safety for everyone!

## Outstanding Chadds Ford Citizen of 2019

The Outstanding Chadds Ford Citizen of the Year award for 2019 was given to Timotha Trigg at a Chadds Ford Civic Association meeting on October 22. The Civic Association has been presenting this award every year since 2013.

This award was created to honor citizens of Chadds Ford Township who have made substantial contributions to the local community. Timotha Trigg has served two years as president of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board, two years as vice-president, and eight years as one of the directors. Additionally, she currently serves on the Planning Commission for Chadds Ford Township. Trigg is pictured above on the right.



## Business Privilege/Local Service Tax

Chadds Ford Township Code requires that businesses and employees working within Chadds Ford Township register and pay an annual Business Privilege Tax of \$100 and a Local Service Tax of \$52 per year.

The firm of Municipal Resource Recovery Systems, LLC, collects both of these taxes for the Township. To check whether or not these taxes apply to your business and employees, please check the Township's website at [chaddsfordpa.gov](http://chaddsfordpa.gov), then the "Tax Information" tab. You can also contact MRRS directly at 610-565-1396.

## Sustainable Chadds Ford: Working Towards a Sustainable Township

Chadds Ford Township is pleased to announce that it is among a select group of high performing municipalities to become certified through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. Chadds Ford Township is recognized at the Silver level of certification for meeting the program's rigorous performance criteria which tracks 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community.



"We are delighted to see Chadds Ford Township distinguished among local governments that are leading the way in applying sustainability to both their operations and management, as well as within the community," said Anne McCollum, Director of Training and Development, Pennsylvania Municipal League. The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification is intended to bring recognition to municipalities that are implementing the policies and practices of sustainability to advance community and regional prosperity. It also serves as a mechanism for sharing best practices for creating a more sustainable Pennsylvania.

In earning the Silver certification, Chadds Ford Township is acknowledged for its progress in such areas as community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations. Details about Chadds Ford Township's certification performance within these topics can be found on the certification program's website: [http://www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org/users/certified\\_municipalities](http://www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org/users/certified_municipalities).

## Scrumptious Fall Recipe

### Autumn Chowder

- 2 bacon strips (diced)
- 1/4 cup onion (chopped)
- 1 medium red potato (cubed)
- 1 small carrot (halved length-wise and thinly sliced)
- 1/2 cup water
- 3/4 teaspoon chicken bouillon granules
- 1 cup milk
- 2/3 cup corn (frozen)
- 1/3 teaspoon pepper
- 2 1/2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons cold water



### Directions

1. In a large saucepan, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp; remove to paper towels. Drain, reserving 1 teaspoon drippings. In the drippings, sauté onion until tender. Add the potato, carrot, water and bouillon. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until the vegetables are almost tender.
2. Stir in the milk, corn and pepper. Cook 5 minutes longer. Combine the flour and cold water until smooth; gradually whisk into soup. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in cheese until melted. Sprinkle with bacon.

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*For the Home by Supervisor Noelle M. Barbone . . .*

## Is a She Shed the Place for You?

A “man cave” is often on the priority list for many home buyers. This area of the home is designated for stereotypically “men’s” social activities. It usually includes such luxuries as a large, flat screen TV (for Eagles, Flyers, Phillies, Union, Wings and Soul games, obviously), extremely comfortable couches or recliners, a wet bar, and a refrigerator. A man cave is usually in a basement or attic, and sometimes in spare bedrooms or repurposed garages. Men can escape here for quiet time, work or play.

But sometimes, women need an escape too. Both men and women face stressors at work and in the home, and from life in general, even though the sources of the stress may be different. Every family is unique. The demand for “She Sheds” has been increasing. This is typically a separate structure from the house, hence, “shed.” But it is no typical garden shed. It usually has working windows, comfortable furnishings, an inviting entrance, and highly personalized paint choices. She sheds sometimes have electricity, but rarely have plumbing. They can be used as a respite from daily chores and demands – maybe a place for quiet reflection, yoga or reading. It can be a workout room, a tea room, or even a private library. Whatever the passion, the she shed can become the designated, special, private space for it.

The she shed can be a relatively inexpensive way to get more space out of your home. It can free up space by putting hobbies into an outdoor structure. Along with increasing the value of your property, it can anchor your landscaping. Almost by definition, the she shed is an aesthetically pleasing structure. It can also have wonderful plantings surrounding it, beautifying the property as well. Native plantings and pollinators gardens are always a good choice. The maintenance of a she shed garden can depend on the desires or abilities of the homeowner.

Of course, any new buildings or renovations are subject to applicable Township zoning regulations and permits. However, don’t let this stop you before you start! As long as the structure sits within the appropriate setbacks and doesn’t have plumbing, you should have an easy time of it. If you have any questions about your specific property, the Township Zoning Officer would be happy to assist you.



*by Vice-Chair Samantha Reiner . . .*

## The Dangers of Road Salt: Exploring Alternatives for the Winter

It won’t be too long before we encounter our first winter weather event here in Chadds Ford Township. Winter can be the most dangerous season for motorists. Road salt has historically been a popular choice for keeping roadways and walkways safe during the winter months, but there are some drawbacks. Road salt, or halite, can be corrosive to metal on cars and trucks. That is why it is important to have your vehicles washed on a regular basis during this time. Additionally, road salt can cause lasting damage to gardens, lawns, trees, and pollute local streams and creeks. It can severely harm fish and other aquatic organisms by causing low oxygen levels in the waterways. It is estimated that 20 million tons of road salt are scattered on U.S. roads every year. There are some more environmentally-friendly alternatives for melting snow and ice such as sand, kitty litter, ashes, and, believe it or not, beet juice.

Sand helps to add extra traction to the roadways and helps to aid in the melting process. Another option for melting snow and ice is kitty litter. It provides great traction when scattered on slick roadways and a couple of bags in the trunk of your car might also help improve traction. Both sand and kitty litter have the ability to absorb sunlight, which heats up the roadways and walkways, aiding in the melting process. Ashes are another alternative at no cost. The only thing a person needs is a wood burning fireplace. As with kitty litter and sand, ashes provide great traction and absorb sunlight. An item that is less well-known but still great at melting snow and ice is beet juice. Public and private road crews have lately been mixing beet juice with brine. Beet juice is fantastic for melting snow and ice at extremely low temperatures. Road salt ceases to be effective below 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Different types of chlorides, such as potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, and calcium chloride are very efficient at melting snow and ice at extremely low temperatures. Calcium chloride can work at temperatures that are close to zero. One major drawback to these is that they are much more expensive than road salt (sodium chloride). Moreover, even though those ‘chlorides’ are better for the environment than road salt, they still cause problems for streams and creeks. Please consider the environment before stocking up on ice melt for the winter!



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The **Brandywine Greenway App** helps to connect users to over 100 publicly-accessible parks in the Brandywine Valley region. This can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play. This app originates from the Brandywine Creek Greenway, which is a regional planning effort between 25 local municipal partners and the Brandywine Conservancy. The Brandywine Creek Greenway strives to protect the historic and natural resources of the Brandywine Valley region, and promotes recreational and educational resources. This app locates the nearest park to your current location. Additionally, the user can filter the park search by a certain activity such as swimming, horseback riding, mountain biking, and hiking.

## Frank Murphy in Temple Gallery of Success

Frank Murphy, Chadds Ford Township Chairman, has received the Gallery of Success award from Temple University's College of Engineering. Murphy received this prestigious award during Temple's Family and Homecoming Weekend, at Mitten Hall. He acquired a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1985 and a J.D. (*magna cum laude*) in 1992, both from Temple. The Gallery of Success showcases alumni who use their skills and knowledge, learned at Temple, to forge successful careers.



## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

### Board of Supervisors:

Regular Meeting: 12/4/2019 at 7PM  
Regular Meeting: 1/8/2020 at 7PM  
Workshop: 11/21/2019 at 7PM  
Workshop: 12/17/2019 at 7PM  
Re-Org Meeting: 1/6/2020 at 7PM

### HARB:

Regular Meeting: 12/9/2019 at 7PM  
Regular Meeting: 1/13/2020 at 7PM

### Planning Commission:

Regular Meeting: 12/11/2019 at 7PM

### Zoning Hearing Board:

Regular Meeting: 12/18/2019 at 7 PM  
Regular Meeting: 1/15/2020 at 7 PM

### Open Space:

Regular Meeting: 1/9/2020 at 7PM

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### Chadds Ford Historic Society

**2019 Exhibit: Thrills, Hills and Spills:** Apr.5th—Dec. 31st

**Candlelight Christmas:** December 7th

Visit [www.ChaddsFordHistory.org](http://www.ChaddsFordHistory.org) for more events.



### Brandywine River Museum

**Cinderella & Co.—Three Fairy Tales Reimagined:** October 5th—January 5th

**Candlelight Christmas Party:** December 11th

**Piano Performance by Jennifer Campbell:** December 18th

Visit: [www.Brandywine.org](http://www.Brandywine.org) for more events.



### Brandywine Battlefield

**Patriot's Day:** November 30th

**History for the Holidays:** December 27th-29th

Visit: [www.BrandywineBattlefield.org](http://www.BrandywineBattlefield.org) for more events.



### Christian Sanderson Museum

Open March—November  
Saturdays & Sundays  
12PM—4PM

\$8.00 Adult Admission  
\$5.00 Children Admission (6-12)  
Free for Children under 5

Visit: [www.SandersonMuseum.org](http://www.SandersonMuseum.org) for more events.

