

# Chesco News

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## **Nottingham Park receives National Natural Landmark Award**

Chester County's Nottingham Park Serpentine Barrens has been named a National Natural Landmark by the National Parks Service. Presenting the Park with this award, the National Parks Service said, "The Nottingham Park Serpentine Barrens support unique vegetation communities that contain many rare and endemic species, including one of the northernmost occurrences of Fame Flower. The site also has one of the state's largest stands of pitch pine forest."



The Fame Flower blooms in Nottingham Park each afternoon, from May to September.

As spring approaches, why not visit Nottingham Park to find out, first hand, what the National Park Service proclaimed as a national landmark? For more information on the park, and all Chester County parks, go to [www.chesco.org/ccparks](http://www.chesco.org/ccparks).

## **County employees give generously for Coatesville fire victims**

Once again, County employees demonstrated their care for those in the community who are in need. The recent special Dress Down Day for Coatesville fire victims netted nearly \$2,400 in monetary donations, along with boxes and boxes of donated toiletries and goods.

Department of Community Development Director Pat Bokovitz and his department have been leading the coordination of all efforts to support the victims, from providing food, clothing, furniture and counseling for the families displaced by the fire, to finding immediate, and eventually permanent housing.

With our direct connection, we were able make sure the funds raised by county employees were used exactly where they were needed—covering the immediate housing costs.

*Thank you!*

## **County employees named DNB First "Loyalty to Service" honorees**

Chester County Department of Aging Services staff member Heidi Carlson, and MH/MR employee Gina Buckman have been selected as 2009 DNB First "Loyalty to Service" award winners. The "Loyalty to Service" awards recognize people in the field of social work who exhibit the highest levels of professionalism, integrity and commitment.

Heidi and Gina and two other honorees were recognized during the "Loyalty to Service" kick-off event at the GSC on February 24th by William Latoff, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DNB First and William Heib, DNB First President and COO. Both women will be presented with awards at the formal "Loyalty to Service" banquet later in the Spring.



DNB First Chairman and CEO William Latoff (left) and DNB First President and COO William Heib (right) with the 2009 "Loyalty to Service" award winners (center left to right) Heidi Carlson, Gina Buckman, Dr. Patricia Joseph, Chair of the Human Services Department at Lincoln University and Regina Horton-Lewis from Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children.

## **"Thank You" from Pocopson Home**

The following is an excerpt from the thank you letter sent to all County employees who helped make the holiday season a little brighter by donating gifts to Pocopson Home residents:

*Again, Pocopson Home residents have had a bountiful holiday season with our community providing much-needed items... To our friends, new and old, to families and groups alike, we thank you for providing many gifts our residents could not have dreamed of. All of our residents received thoughtful and useful gifts through your generosity.*

## Dr. Maher retires as director of the Chester County Health Department

After a career with Chester County that spanned more than 30 years, Dr. John P. Maher retired as Chester County Health Director in December 2008. At his recent retirement reception, Dr. Maher received commendations and well wishes from many colleagues and friends, including state senators, state representatives, the commissioners and representatives from the fields of health and education.

Dr. Maher has been intrinsic in the growth of the Health department, both in size and reputation as a pioneering health department, and under his leadership, the Health Department has delivered services to hundreds of thousands of citizens each year. Not fully retired, Dr. Maher will continue to provide sage advice to the health department.

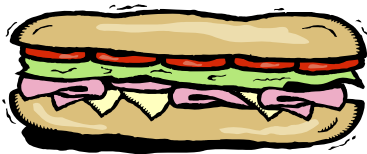


Pictured here with Dr. Maher (center) is, left to right, State Representative Tim Hennessey, Commissioner Kathi Cozzone and State Representative Duane Milne.

## CCEA Annual Hoagie Sale

Enjoy your favorite hoagie from Tony's Market and add a few \$\$ to the CCEA Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are on sale now for hoagies that can be bought any time from March 9-27, 2009. Free delivery is available if you order 10 or more hoagies, so why not arrange a department lunch?

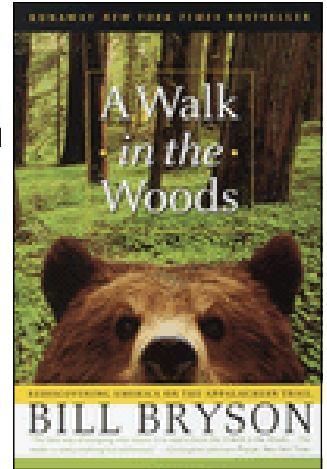


American, Italian and mixed cheese hoagies are \$5.00 each and roast beef, turkey and tuna hoagies are \$5.25. Tickets are available from these CCEA members:  
Carroll Reid (Courthouse) - x 6734  
Mary Sproat (GSC) - x 6764

## Chester County Reads "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson

The Chester County Library System has announced its 2009 "Chester County Reads" program, based on the featured book, *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson.

The launch event on March 3rd includes an evening of "Tales from the Trails" by guest speaker Glenn Nelson from Chester County Parks & Recreation. Much like Bryson's book, the lecture will include humorous tall-tale stories of Glenn Nelson's trail experiences—from Chester County Parks to the Carolina Blue Ridge, the Colorado Rockies and Alaska's Denali National Park.



For full details of this year's "Chester County Reads" program go to [www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org) or call 610-280-2642.

## The Green Corner...

Thanks to DCIS employee Karen Stein, Chesco News will include a series of brief articles that offer "green advice" for around the home. Here's the first...



### **Stay inside...Insulate!**

"The attic is the easiest place to add insulation to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of your home," says [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

In addition to fiberglass insulation, here are some recommended environmentally-friendly insulation alternatives:

**Cellulose** is a "green" product made from recycled newsprint and other paper sources—paper that otherwise might end up in landfills, releasing greenhouse gases as it decomposes. **Denim** is a "green" product that just happens to be blue! Used denim remnants are cleaned, cut into strips and imprinted with a fire retardant. They are available in rolls or batts that are designed to be held in place by just by pressing between the studs. They are also available in loose form.

Go to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) and search for "attic insulation" for additional information to properly insulate AND ventilate your home (to be covered in the next issue of Chesco News). Then when you hear your heater or air conditioner kick in less often, you will reap the reward of your labor—in your wallet.

### **County to be brighter than ever this Daffodil Day**

During the week of March 16th, Chester County offices will be brighter than ever—thanks to record Daffodil Day orders.

This year, County employees purchased more than \$4,600 worth of daffodils, benefiting the American Cancer Society. The daffodils will be delivered sometime during the week of March 16th, and will certainly help in the anticipation of Spring...

### **Lost and Found? - look on WebCC**

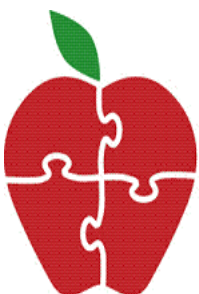
Did you know that WebCC has a section on the "Bulletin Board" where details of lost and found items can be placed? If you find—or lose—anything at work, or walking to or from your car to work, you can post it on WebCC.

Click on the HR/Employee Info section of WebCC, then click on Bulletin Board, scroll down and click OK, then "Lost and Found". There are also pages for all County employees who are looking to buy or sell things, including real estate and rentals.

### **March Wellness Activities**

March is National Nutrition Month, with means "balanced diet" events on the calendar for the county wellness program. If you would like to find out more about why fad diets don't work, or if you want to sign up for the always-popular healthy cooking classes, visit the Healthy Lifestyle Wellness Program webpage by clicking on the apple icon on WebCC.

Other March activities include "Be Proactive, Know about Colorectal Cancer", an online Health Risk Assessment and details on the new fitness partnership program with ACAC.



**HEALTHY  
LIFESTYLE**  
*One Piece at a Time.*

Nutrition • Safety • Physical Activity • Disease Prevention

### **Household Hazardous Waste calendar**

The 2009 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste schedule and locations have been announced. Mark your calendars with the following dates:

Saturday, April 4, 2009

CAT Pickering  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Computers accepted**

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Owen J. Roberts Middle School Parking lot  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday, June 19, 2009

**No computers**  
CAT Brandywine Campus  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

**Computers accepted**  
New Garden Maintenance Building, Landenberg  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

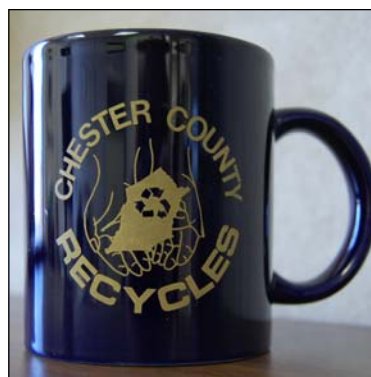
Saturday, October 10, 2009

**No Computers**  
GSC, Westtown Rd  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Computers accepted**

For more information contact the Chester County Solid Waste Authority on 610-273-3771 or visit the website—[www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org).

### **Chester County Recycles coffee mugs**

For the bargain price of \$2, you can buy a *Chester County Recycles* coffee mug, and not only help the environment



by doing away with disposable coffee cups, but you can also get a discount on coffee purchased at the Justice Center and the GSC.

Mugs can be bought from your department's recycling coordinator—but if you're not sure who that is, contact Nancy Fromnick at the Chester

County Solid Waste Authority on 610-273-3771 ext. 226 or email [nfromnick@chesterccswa.org](mailto:nfromnick@chesterccswa.org).

**Coming soon—a special edition of Chesco News with details of the Chester County Strategic Planning Initiative.**