

Chrin Community Update

MESSAGE FROM GREG CHRIN

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. It has long been our practice to periodically update the citizens of Williams Township on operations at the landfill, community partnership programs, and welcome new and returning visitors to join us for coffee and conversation, or a tour.

We are, as you may know, one of the oldest continuously operating family owned and operated landfills in Pennsylvania. It has not been easy, especially as our industry becomes dominated more and more by large investor-owned national and even international businesses. But that is not who we are and we aim to remain compact in size and independent. However, we have managed to diversify as an extension of our landfill and over the past several years we have successfully in partnership with PP&L been operating a methane-to-electricity facility located in Glendon. That clean-energy project has been going very well to the benefit of our community and the greater Lehigh Valley. We will continue to make the capital investments – including in new equipment and technologies – to offer leading edge, affordable service to our community.

In this issue, you will also become acquainted with our continuing community activities that support various non-profits and meet my two sons who are getting more involved in the hands-on operation of the landfill. They are not only both great young men, but share our family's dedication to operating the best landfill in every respect. I very much hope you have the opportunity to meet Greg and Charlie either at our site or perhaps at a meeting in the near future.

Thank you for listening.

Regards,
Greg Chrin

SETTLEMENT OF BPT CASE

It is well known that civil litigation can be very costly and take a very long time to resolve. As you may be aware, the landfill and Williams Township were able to settle before the start of a scheduled trial the dispute over the Township's previous Business Privilege Tax (BPT). We jointly announced at the time that the settlement is a fair one in which both sides compromised for the benefit of the entire community. The complete settlement agreement can be found on the Township's website. We are gratified that as a result of the settlement the 2009 Host Community Agreement (HCA) between the landfill and Williams Township is reaffirmed and that the previous BPT ordinance was repealed once and for all.

Many have also come to recognize that the settlement leaves rock solid all conservation and recreation-related benefits of the host agreement, including with respect to the new and highly popular Chrinergy-Williams Township Sports Complex.

WILLIAMS TWP. SLASHES TAXES

One newspaper headline hailed a 'miraculous' tax cut for Township taxpayers. Township Supervisors, on the heels of the BPT case settlement, have taken action to cut the property tax rate 43% from 4.0 to 2.25 mills for the year 2016. This restores the tax to the lowest rate in Northampton County, creating substantial savings to the residents of Williams Township.

INCREASING DISPOSAL = ADDED REVENUE

The Host Agreement permits expansion within the established solid waste zoning district. That process is now underway following the filing of our 10-year expansion permit application with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). A full copy of the filing is available at the Township building, and it includes numerous detailed

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SCOUTS HONOR

Boy Scout Troop 31 continues to partner with the landfill to help provide thousands of evergreen saplings – free of charge – at environmental events held throughout the Lehigh Valley. Since the program started it is estimated that more than 65,000 Pennsylvania-grown trees have been distributed for planting in our area. The next scheduled distribution begins on Earth Day 2016.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

EAGLE AIDS CATS & DOGS

Tucker Seese, a Troop 31 member, is also its newest Eagle Scout and Chrin was honored to lend a hand as he designed and directed construction of the new 60-foot stone walking path and paver patios with new park benches for use by visitors to the no-kill Animal Center for Health & Welfare (formerly known as the SPCA) on Island Park.

For more, please visit www.spcanorthampton.org. Look for more Troop 31 Eagle Scout profiles in upcoming newsletters.



The entire community benefits from Tucker's enthusiasm, creativity and hard work.

The Center
for Animal Health & Welfare

Finding Forever Homes for Homeless Animals

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engineering drawings. Breaking it down, it is important to consider the following about the proposed expansion:

- i. No additional property will be acquired to accommodate the proposed increased volume. The current boundaries of the Solid Waste Zoning District remain the same.
- ii. The maximum daily waste disposal tonnage limit would not be increased since the amount of daily/weekly disposal vehicle traffic would be unchanged.
- iii. If approved, there would be a positive revenue impact on Williams Township: \$1 per ton additional over current levels. This represents a 33% increase in host fees to the township.

DEP will continue to post public meeting notices related to the proposed permit process, as will the township.

SLIDE REMEDIATION STATUS

From time to time we are asked about progress on remediating the movement – or slide – of a closed/covered section of the landfill a few years ago. It has been a significant and meticulous engineering and construction undertaking. Safety for our workers and the benefit of our community from day one has been our highest priority. And safety takes time. We are pleased to report that we are in the final stages of the excavation and the relocation of the waste from the two affected sections. With oversight and approval from DEP, we will eventually be relining the slide section and recommissioning it. Of course, we continue to work closely with the Township and have greatly appreciated its interest and input.

FREE COMMUNITY MULCH DAY

We continue to offer free mulch recycling to the community. 2016 will be our 16th year for providing truckloads of double-cut hardwood mulch; usually 200 or so truck loads per Saturday. The next mulch give-away will take place 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2016.

Be sure to mark your calendars



The landfill's industrial-strength grinder turns collected hardwood waste into double-ground mulch.

Your comments, concerns and questions are important to us.

FEEDBACK & TOURS

We have greatly appreciated, even in the case of reported suspected off-site odors, calls from neighbors, who also often call DEP. The sooner we can respond the better. Frequently, we will work with DEP to track down the source of an odor, and more often than not it originates off site. Regardless, we are determined to do what we can to effectively deal with any issue you bring to our attention. That's how it's been, and that's how it will stay.

We have been actively engaged in the community for more than one-half century, supporting a variety of educational, conservation, and civic activities.

You are welcome to take a personal tour of the landfill, or bring your school or community group. Just call Brian Leverington at 610-258-8737 to schedule a visit.

For 24/7 access, including odor-related concerns, call 610-972-9510.



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UPDATE: NEW SPORTS COMPLEX

One of the most visible benefits of the 2009 Chrin-Williams Township Host Agreement is the creation of the new community sports complex. We have worked closely with the Township, the Recreation Committee in particular, and the various youth athletic associations to make sure that the fields would be built right and to last for many years to come for the enjoyment of the boys and girls in the community. We hope you've had the opportunity to visit the complex, perhaps catch a game, and imagine that this site will only improve over time with the commitment of all involved. For our part, we look forward, as part of the expansion process, to eventually transferring complete ownership of the site to Williams Township. Presently, we lease the Chrinerly Sports Complex for a dollar a year. Watch for an official dedication ceremony Spring 2016



Did you know that Wilson Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) – featuring six teams with a combined 200+ players ages 3-16 – has been playing games, and practicing here for the past three years? WYSA is an outstanding all-volunteer organization that provides recreational soccer for the municipalities that are a part of the Wilson Area School District (Wilson Borough, Williams Township, West Easton and Glendon). WYSA officials are appreciative after years of uncertainty to have their 'home fields' and Chrin is honored to host them along with Williams Township at the Chrinerly Complex.

CHRIN: THE NEXT GENERATION

Greg and Caryn Chrin's two twenty something sons, Charlie and Gregory, figure prominently in the present and future operations of the landfill. Charlie, named for his grandfather, and Gregory, named for his dad, are both college students (Charles/Environmental Science, Lafayette College, Gregory/Mechanical Engineering, Stevens Institute) that spend almost all their non-academic time working at the landfill. That's hardly surprising given the fact they both have a passion for the environment, the family owned and operated business, and the communities it serves in the Lehigh Valley.

Charlie is an operations manager with wide ranging responsibilities, including helping to manage the field crews, interacting with various environmental, engineering, and other technical experts and agencies, monitoring landfill daily efficiency and ensuring over-all compliance. The brothers also work closely in relation to the landfill's innovative co-generation energy facility (housed in Glendon) that transforms landfill-produced gas – the result of decomposition – into electricity. Gregory is in the process of installing within the landfill his patent-pending gas monitoring system. Developed as his senior thesis, it will eventually enable Chrin and other landfill operators to significantly improve the amount of methane gas that can be retained and used in power production. Each well monitor, which can be read 24/7 from either a central monitoring station or a handheld device (such as a smartphone), may eventually replace individual, labor-intensive gas well monitoring. Charlie and Gregory, whose first jobs at the landfill included power washing trucks and weed whacking, readily admit to being not only compatible co-workers, but also best friends.



Greg fine tuning one of his patent-pending landfill gas well monitoring devices.



Charlie, splitting his time between office and field, seen here in a Cat D 8 earth-moving piece of equipment.



Gas monitoring module that Greg Chrin is patenting.

CURBSIDE CHRIN HAULING SERVICE



There's a new truck in town – or to be specific a new front-loading trash truck that Chrin Hauling is using to provide efficient, fuel-friendly and cost-effective residential curbside trash and recycling service to Lehigh Valley communities starting in Williams Township. These state-of-the-art vehicles are part of our new fleet that permits a single operator – without leaving the vehicle – to use the truck's robotic arm to pick up compatible, wheeled trash toter containers (Made in the USA). We are now offering complimentary 96-gallon waste containers – one for waste and another for all recyclables – to every new customer. For an estimate, just call us 610.258.8737 or e-mail us at sales.hauling@chrin.org.



CHRIN WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP RECYCLING TIPS:

- There is no need to separate your recyclables.
- All empty plastic, glass and aluminum containers will be accepted, as well as newspapers and cardboard.
- Place at curbside/wheels toward house.

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