



# Chadds Ford Township Resident Association Names its Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year

By Jesse Sheppard, Communications Committee | Photos courtesy of Jesse Sheppard

**E**arlier this winter, the Chadds Ford Residents Association (CFRTA) named a Citizen of the Year and its first Business of the Year Award.

## 2022 Citizen of the Year - Kathleen Goodier

Phil Wenrich, CFRTA president, explained that this award is given to Chadds Ford Township residents who have made a significant volunteer contribution to the Township throughout the years; it recognizes their outstanding character and exceptional service to the community.

"Kathleen and her husband, Matt, are long-time residents of Chadds Ford, where they have raised their two children," Phil said, noting that Kathleen often volunteered at her children's schools. In addition, Kathleen spent more than 15 years on the Township's Open Space Committee. More recently, she has been a member of the Planning Commission. For the past 10 years, she has served as a Commissioner on the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway. She is a former board member of the Civic Association of Chadds Ford Township and held several positions over the years, including writing the newsletter.

"Kathleen's input and decisions on these boards have always been in support of what is best for the township to maintain its characteristics and to build its community," Phil said.

## 2022 Business of the Year - Chadds Ford Tree Service

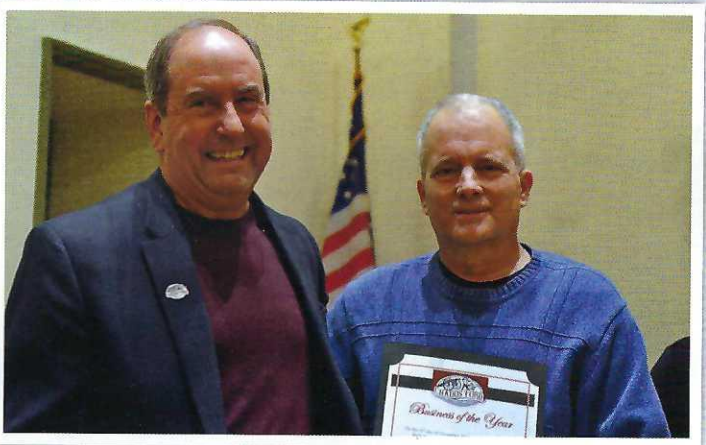
This award honors a business in Chadds Ford Township that makes a significant volunteer contribution to the township and works to retain its unique historical and rural qualities. Phil said few businesses have exemplified these contributions more than Chadds Ford Tree Service.

"Owned and operated by the King family for decades, they are long-term stewards of the Chadds Ford community and its heritage," Phil said. "Owner Rob King has spent many years of selfless service as a Township Supervisor, an elder of the Brandywine Baptist Church, and as a member on the Open Space Committee."

Phil fondly recalled the King's family annual Township Pig Roast at their property on Ring Road, a well-known event attended by many. "But many are not as familiar with the quiet volunteerism Rob and his family have performed through their company," Phil said. "They've done a wide range of work, including hanging the Christmas wreath and banner, as well as trail maintenance of the new Harvey Run trail. They have supported Brandywine Battlefield Park by clearing logs and debris, and they've donated new trees to replace the park's damaged ash trees. For years, they have donated firewood and



Kathleen Goodier (left) with Phil Wenrich (center) and Tammi Maciolek (right)



Rob King (left) with Phil Wenrich (right)

mulch to the Chadds Ford Historical Society and performed free tree maintenance. Chadds Ford Tree Service is also at the ready when Chadds Ford experiences its frequent floods and is one of the first on the scene to assist with cleanup."

Nominations for the awards are accepted throughout the year. Visit [www.cftra.org](http://www.cftra.org) for more information about the award requirements and to nominate citizens or businesses for 2023.

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