



October 2021

Chartiers
Township

NEWSLETTER

Manager's Message

On behalf of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors and Staff, we hope you enjoy the Fall 2021 newsletter and find it helpful. We were so happy we were able to get back together for Community Day this June! We were also happy to restart our Summer Playground Program, movie in the park and fitness classes! As we close out 2021, we are hopeful that we will be able to continue to operate normally. However, regardless of what is before us, please know that your Chartiers Township Staff will be here to continue serve our residents.

We weathered what we hope was the worst of the pandemic without interruption of services and we will strive to continue as we move forward. Please take note of the opportunities for recreation, clean up and recycling and community activities coming this Fall and Winter. We encourage you to Like our Facebook page and visit our website for updated information about what's going on in Chartiers Township. Stay informed, Stay Safe and Stay Engaged in our community!

Jodi Noble, Township Manager

A Message From the Chief of Police

First, welcome to all our new residents, and I would like to invite both our current and new residents to visit the Police Department to meet the officers or to have any questions or concerns answered regarding our services. We might be able to share something about the Township you may find helpful; likewise, you could have something to share from your previous municipality that could possibly enhance the services we provide. The Police Department is always open to new ideas.

I also would remind you to be sure to take advantage of our "Vacation Home Check" program. This program allows residents who plan to be away for an extended period of time to drop by the police station to fill out a vacation home check form. Every day you are away an officer on each of the three shifts will perform a walk-around to check your home. These checks can continue for up to one month. There are residents who sign-up every time they go away and are very appreciative of this service that the Police Department has been able to provide for many years.



It's important to once again reiterate that it is an ordinance violation to park on the street when off-road parking is readily available. Not wanting to get blocked in or avoid having to move a car to let someone out of the driveway is not adequate reason to park on the street. While it is definitely important in the winter to allow Public Works to clear the roads of snow, it is a most importantly a safety hazard when the fire department or EMS

can't get their rigs through the narrow streets in the event of fire or medical emergency. Additionally, it is not only a violation to shovel snow into the street, it is also a danger to motorists.

Once again, I remind you to please keep your cars locked and remove your valuables, especially weapons, when parking outside.

Finally, I want to share with you that this will be my final article for the Township newsletter due to my upcoming retirement in early 2022. I hope you found my articles to be informative and helpful.

On a more personal note, I would like to just take a moment and express my deepest gratitude for all the support, respect, and friendship shown to the Department and myself throughout the years. It has been my honor and privilege to serve Chartiers Township and its residents and business community for the past 44 years. My wife and I have lived in Chartiers Township our entire lives, and it has been nothing short of a dream come true to serve my entire career in the community where I grew up and I still call home.

I have always kept you and your family's safety first and foremost in every decision I made with regard to deployment and public safety, and I tried my best to answer your questions, allay your fears and accommodate your requests. I made every effort to stay under budget and to use your tax dollars without extravagance,

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A Message From the Chief of Police

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realizing that you work hard for your money. My predecessor, Chief Eugene Oliver, instilled into me his philosophy that my badge meant **help**, no matter what the case may be. Treat someone with respect and you receive respect in return.

Throughout my career I have had many accomplishments but none compare to what I believe to be my biggest and most important—bringing this Department from a small, four-officer, part-time department that could not provide 24-hour coverage to the current 14 full-time officers, 24-hour department we have now. I truly believe we have been able to assemble the most loyal and dedicated professionals that make up your Chartiers Township Police Department, one that you can be as proud of as I. Rest assured that I leave this Township in good, capable hands.

I want to thank those officers, my family and the families of all my officers for without their sacrifices and support the Chartiers Township Police Department couldn't be what it is. It is difficult to imagine the sacrifices police families make, including missed holidays, children's events and dinners, erratic schedules and oddball sleep schedules. The spouses spend much time alone and dealing with school and household issues, keeping dinner warm until odd hours and waiting up until late in the night because there was a bad call and they just want to make sure you come home and to be there in case you want to talk, despite having to go to work themselves in the morning. The children are disappointed that their parent can't make it to their ball games, cheer competitions, school concerts, and birthday parties or had to run out in the middle of Christmas. My son and wife can attest to all of this, and much more, because I am guilty of being a workaholic. We are

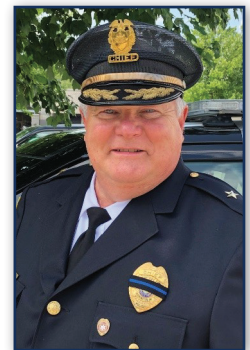
lucky because the Township's police officers have fostered good relationships in the schools over the years. I'm not saying it doesn't happen here, but there are children of police officers in other areas who also have to endure bullying and harassment simply because one of their parent's job. So, make no mistake about it, these families serve the community, too. If you are out and encounter a police officer or an officer's family member, please be sure to thank them for their service as they truly deserve it. I have been blessed with an understanding family and to serve with such a distinguished group of officers past and present in my 44 years.

I am certain that the Department along with your new Chief, when named, will continue much of what is in place and provide the highest level of service that the Township's residents and businesses deserve while also putting their own ideas of policing into action. I hope the new Chief and Department officers continue to enjoy the same community support, and I ask you to keep the officers and their families in your prayers.

The hard work and dedication demonstrated by not only the Police Department but also the Township Supervisors, Administrative Staff, Public Works, and Fire Department make Chartiers Township a safe and great place to live, raise a family and to work. It's a community like no other.

There's no denying that it will be hard for me to simply walk away, but it is time to finally spend uninterrupted time with my family and to get started on that "honey-do" list that my wife has been compiling all these years. My 9-year-old grandson is eager to finally have me all to himself.

Again, my heartfelt gratitude to all for your continued support and friendships. It has been my honor to serve YOU. And best wishes for the holidays from your Chartiers Township Police Department.



Chief James Horvath



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CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP

Township Numbers



Emergency
9-1-1

Township Offices
724-745-3415

Police Department
(non-emergency)
724-745-8030

Community Center & Parks Department
724-485-2126

Trick-or-Treat
is

**Sunday,
October 31**

6 pm - 7:30 pm



CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP

Light Up Night

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 PM

CHARTIERS TWP COMMUNITY CENTER

Visit with Santa & enjoy light refreshments



Fill a Firetruck

What: Please help fill a firetruck with new and unwrapped toy donations for the less fortunate.

When: TBD

Where: 2450 W Pike St, Houston & 14 E McNutt St, Houston

The Township has scheduled curbside Fall Leaf Collection for the following MONDAYS:

October 25th – November 1st – November 8th – November 15th
(November 22nd & November 29th if Needed)



Please remember that the leaves **MUST** be in biodegradable bags! Non-biodegradable material in the bags will prevent the Township from being able to recycle the leaves through the composting site, so **PLEASE** make sure your bags contain leaves only. Also, never tape your bags shut!

Try to have your bags to the curb by the preceding Sunday evening to make sure they are out in time for Monday morning's collection. Contact the Township with any questions or post them as comment because others may have the same questions. **THANK YOU** for your cooperation in helping to make this program a success!

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CHARTIERS TWP TRUNK OR TREAT



6 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER



Families, bring your car to the upper Community Center Parking Lot and decorate your trunk in your favorite theme. Don't forget your costumes! Kids can walk from trunk to trunk to collect candy.

All participants must decorate their trunk & provide treats for the kids.
Call the Parks Dept for questions: 724-485-2126

Chartiers Township Electronics Collection



What: Come recycle your old electronics!

When: October 25, 2021

Where: Chartiers Township Community Center Parking Lot

Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm



Accepted:

- Computer equipment
- TV's (1 per car load)
- Freon appliances (\$20 each for freon removal)
- 4 ft & 8ft fluorescent tubes & CFL's (\$2 each)
- Damaged or dismantled TV's (\$50 hazardous handling fee)

NOT Accepted:

- Vacuum Cleaners
- Carpet Scrubbers
- Smoke Detectors
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors

**THIS IS OPEN TO CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY—
MUST SHOW VALID ID FOR PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

Senior Citizen Programs

CHARTIERS HOUSTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Join the Chartiers Township Senior Group for their monthly business meetings and luncheons

October 12, 2021 - 11am

November 16, 2021 - 11am

December 14, 2021 - 11am

Please RSVP at
least 1 week in
advance!

Cost: \$10



TOPS

Wednesdays 4:30pm

"Hands on, pounds off, weight loss approach." Meetings in the Sr. Room

Knitting & Crochet Club

Thursdays, 1pm

All welcome! Take some time to socialize and practice your craft

Bingo



Tuesday & Fridays, 10:30 am
25 cents a card



LIKE ON FACEBOOK • CHARTIERS HOUSTON SENIOR CENTER

VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON

HELP US CELEBRATE THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
11:30AM

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Please stay
updated to this event via
the Chartiers Twp website
&
Facebook Page in case
something changes.

Chartiers Township Community Center

Plan your special events with us!

www.chartierstwp.com/community-center



Banquet Hall – Seats up to 200

Activity Room – Seats up to 25

Conference Room – Seats up to 10

Get in touch with us to learn more:

724-485-2126

parks@chartierstwp.com

Friends of the Police

Established in the spring of 2021, the Friends of the Chartiers Township Police Department is a volunteer organization comprised of community members working together to support the Township Police. We seek to:

Support our officers

- Coordinate programs and activities to strengthen positive bonds between officers and members of the community
- Provide support to officers and/or their families as needed

Educate the community

- Enhance awareness of public safety and security issues by participating in community events
- Coordinate opportunities for our officers to share their expertise with our community

Equip the department

- Provide funding for equipment not readily available through other means
- Enhance local police operations through funding for training and technology upgrades



Police services are critical to community safety, quality of life, and economic success. The Township funds our Police department, but rapidly changing technology, unforeseen training needs, and the expansion of housing in our area make it difficult to anticipate all future costs. The Friends of CTPD intend to help fill any gaps by raising funds to ensure our officers have the equipment and support they need.

You may have met us at Community Day in June or the County Fair in August. Please consider getting involved! We need support, input, time, and talent from our neighbors. Contact us at friendsofctpd@gmail.com or via Facebook @FriendsOfCTPD and let's talk about how your skills, experience, and ideas can help us support our officers and our community!

Community Center Recreation Classes

Monthly Schedule of Events available on township website:
www.chartierstwp.com/community-center

Line Dancing

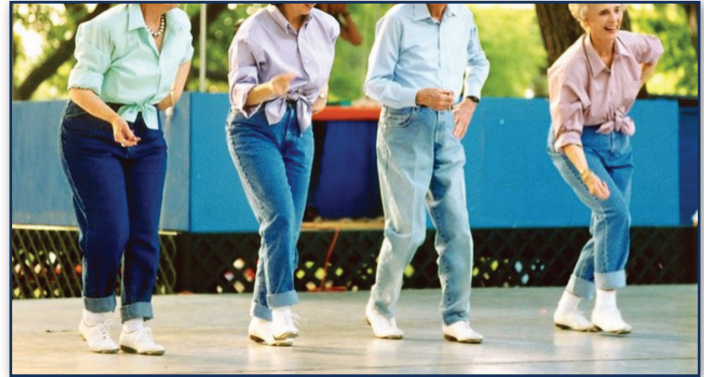
Who: Ages 16 & up

What: A chance to learn or practice fun dance steps that don't need a partner. Line dance to Latin, Country, Oldies, and Contemporary music!

When: Wednesdays - 6 pm

Where: CTCC Banquet Hall

Fee: \$8



CPR/First Aid Certification Course

What: Get certified to save lives! Certification is for adult and pediatric CPR, AED, and basic first aid.

When: Saturday, November 13 & Fridays, October 29, November 5 & 19, and December 3 & 17, 9 am - 1 pm



Where: CTCC Conference Room

Cost: \$90 per person

Please register in advance at parks@chartierstwp.com

Are you an instructor looking to teach something we don't currently offer?

Let us know!

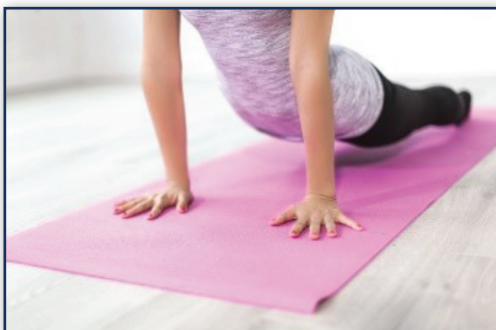
parks@chartierstwp.com

724-485-2126

Gentle Yoga

Who: 16 & over

What: Whether you are brand-new to yoga, returning after a break, or just wanting to brush up on fundamentals, this class will leave you feeling destressed and refreshed. Bring a mat, towel, and water.



When: Tuesdays
10:15 am &
Wednesdays
10:30 am

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$5

Zumba

Who: Adults 18 & older

What: Dance program involving dance and aerobic movements incorporating hip-hop, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo rhythms.

When: Wednesdays - 9:30 am
Thursdays - 5:30 pm

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$5

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Houston, PA 15342
Supervisors

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PITTSBURGH PA
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Gary Friend

Vice Chairman
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Secretary
Bronwyn Maggi-Kolovich

Stormwater in Chartiers Township

Please consider where things go when you dump something down a storm drain and think twice to protect our waterways.

TAKE A DIP...IN STORMWATER



STORMWATER POLLUTANTS FIND THEIR WAY INTO
WHERE WE FISH, WHAT WE DRINK, AND WHERE WE SWIM.