



April 2018

Chartiers
Township

NEWSLETTER

Manager's Message

On behalf of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors and staff, I am pleased to present the Spring 2018 Chartiers Township Newsletter. We truly hope you find the information in the newsletter helpful. Keep it handy throughout the spring and summer as a reference. I would like to take this opportunity to invite people to sign up for the Chartiers Township Swift Reach notification system. While the Township often notifies residents of events and happenings throughout the Township, its primary purpose is emergency notifications. For that reason, we encourage everyone to provide a number or numbers to contact you in the event of a localized or community wide emergency. If you provide multiple numbers, including cell phone numbers, the system will try each number in your list in an effort to reach someone in your household. The cell number is also important

in the event of an evacuation, so that we can contact you at your evacuation point to let you know when it's safe to return home. You can sign up on the website www.chartierstwp.com: scroll down to the Swift 911 Portal and register. You can control your contact information and update or remove it at any time. You can also pick up a form at the Township office to do the same. We encourage residents to keep their contact information current at all times, so that we can ensure emergency information will be passed on to as many people as possible in a timely manner. All information is kept private and it is used for Chartiers Township purposes only. Reliable, effective communication with residents is our goal, so please help us to do that registering for Swift Reach today.

Jodi L. Noble, Township Manager

A Message From the Chief of Police

It's that time of year when the sun begins to shine and the days are warm and dry which seems to bring our Community to life. Children will be out playing and riding their bikes, people will be walking and others will be working to repair the damage that winter has taken on the yard and house. I would remind all to obey the traffic regulations when operating a vehicle and to be alert to those out and about. One distracted moment could cause a lifetime of pain for many. The Police Department receives the bulk of its complaints regarding speeding, failure to stop where designated signs are erected and distracted driving. I can assure all that the Police Department will be out and will enforce any and all traffic violations to continue to afford our residents safe passage whether it be on foot or vehicle.

I would also like to remind everyone parking on the road when you have a place to park off of it is a violation of Township ordinances. If you are having an event or need to park a vehicle on the roadway, please contact the Police Department office and leave a message as to when, where and why the vehicle will be parked on the road along with your name and phone number in case an Officer would need to contact you regarding the vehicle. We would ask that you pull the vehicle as far off of the road as possible so that emergency vehicles as well as other traffic can get by. I would remind you to please LOCK your vehicle doors and to remove any valuables anytime you leave your vehicle outside. Weapons should NEVER be left in any vehicle locked or unlocked when parked for the night or long period of time. EVERY community and area experiences cars that have been gone through and Chartiers Township is no exception. Although patrols are ramped up in an effort to thwart this type of crime or capture the persons responsible, we would urge anyone observing any suspicious activity to call 911 immediately. Many times when the patrols are coming through the person can see the headlights and just hunker down without being noticed.

The Department also conducts Vacation Home Checks. If you are going to be away from your home for an extended period of time, please stop in to the Police Department lobby and pick up a Blue Vacation Home Check Card. Once filled out you can slide it under the window or pick up the phone which rings into the

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**BE SAFE.
DRIVE SMART.**

Chartiers Township Emergency Plan

In the event of an emergency situation, Chartiers Township has a plan and team in place to ensure that residents are safely evacuated if necessary. In order to assist in this effort, if you require additional assistance during an evacuation, please let us know. Your information is confidential and only used if there is an evacuation in your neighborhood. This vital information will help emergency responders better serve you! This form is also available on the township website: www.chartierstwp.com.



Chartiers Township Emergency Evacuation Special Assistance Request

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Special Needs _____

Please send to: Chartiers Township Municipal Building, 2 Buccaneer Drive, Houston, PA 15342 or jnoble@chartierstwp.com

A Message From the Chief of Police

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Department offices. If an officer is present he will come out, if there is no one around stay on the line and it will connect with our Control Center where you can just ask to see an Officer. Each shift an Officer will check your home.

If you have any concerns, questions or just would like to sit down and talk to myself or an Officer, please contact our office or stop in.

The more eyes and ears we have out there the better we can serve and protect our Community. Call 911—I promise it isn't a bother and no one will be delayed any services by your call.

Speaking for all the officers of the Chartiers Township Police Department, I would like to thank you all for your continuing support of the Officers and Department. We hope all of you have a very Safe and enjoyable summer.

Chief James Horvath

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAY

May 19, 2018

Items that will NOT be
picked up:

- Auto tires
- Automobile parts
- Dirt, bricks, stones, & concrete
- Refrigerators, air-conditioner units & appliances which have not been certified for removal of CFC's
- Cans exceeding in 40lbs
- Carpet not cut (must be bundled & tied in 4' lengths)
- Paint liquid
- E-waste material (electronics, TVs, Computers, etc.)



As Summer Approaches, Please Keep Pool Safety In Mind!

Every year thousands of children drown in preventable swimming pool accidents. Many of these deaths can be prevented with proper supervision, as well as meeting the requirements of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC). Prior to any construction, please contact your local Building Code Official to discuss all requirements.

A building permit, along with the necessary inspections, will be required for all inflatable, above ground, and in ground swimming pools constructed in Chartiers Township. Among other items as required by the PA UCC, all swimming pools must include a barrier that is at least 48 inches high to keep unsupervised children from gaining access to the pool. In

addition, a self-closing and self-latching gate that opens outwards should be provided on swimming pools that do not have other barriers such as removable steps or a removable ladder.

When a house forms part of a barrier around the pool, the home must be equipped with an audible door alarm, a powered safety cover, or any other means of protection approved by the Building Code Official. These are just a few of the many safety requirements of the PA UCC. Again, please contact the Building Code Official when planning your pool project.



JOIN US FOR THE

2018 CELEBRATE CHARTIERS DAY

**ARNOLD PARK AND CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY CENTER
SUNDAY, JUNE 24 - 6PM**

Join us for the Celebrate Chartiers Day June 24th as we once again look forward to having you join us for food, fun, music, & fireworks. Local groups are invited to set up and raise funds for their organizations and join in the fun! This year's event will include a petting zoo, train, slide, obstacle course, inflatable skeeball, bingo, spin art table, and music by Street Level! Steel City Gamerz will be bringing their video game trailer and Zambelli fireworks will cap off the evening once again.

Special thanks to our sponsors so far, Budd Baer, Range Resources, Ellis Asphalt Paving, Arnold Motor Company, & Nicholas & Slagle Engineering.



Easter Egg Hunt

Who: Kids under 11
What: Find candy and win prizes
When: March 31st @ 10am SHARP!
Where: Allison Park Pavilion
Cost: FREE!

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET AND DON'T BE LATE!!!!!!

Take pictures with the Easter Bunny too!

Street Sweeping April 16-27



Chartiers Township will be sweeping the streets to get rid of anti-skid material from winter maintenance. Please be alert to the truck and its crew as well remove any obstacles from the roadway, i.e. portable basketball hoops, etc.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK CASH BASH

What: Help support the Friends of the Park to raise money for new playground equipment in Arnold Park!

When: Saturday, September 29, 2018, doors open 5pm

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$40

Want to volunteer for the event or buy a ticket? LET US KNOW—
parks@chartierstwp.com or
724-485-2126.

**Chartiers Township
Friends of the Park**



Family Movie Night in the Park: Peter Rabbit

When: Sunday, August 19 at Dusk

Where: Allison Parkette
(Moved to Community Center if rain)

Cost: FREE!



**Like us on FACEBOOK at
CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP**



Chartiers Summer Playground

Who: Elementary age children 5 through 11

What: Daily summer childcare program providing children with activities, games, arts & crafts, music, field trips, special events, swimming and more.

Where: Arnold Park Pavilion

When: June 11th through August 17th (No program July 4th)
9am - 4pm (early drop off 7am - 8:45am/late pick up 4:15pm - 6pm available upon request)

Weekly Cost:

- **4-5 Days/week**
1 child - \$145
2 children - \$250
- **Fees for 2 or 3 days**
1 child - \$95
2 children - \$150

NO DROP INS.

**PRE- REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED**

**THERE WILL BE A
MANDATORY
PARENTS MEETING
ON THURSDAY,
MAY 31st
AT 6:00pm**

There will be an additional \$10 field trip fee and \$5 - \$10 early drop off/late pickup per child
All employees will have background checks and Act 33/34 clearances

Check out our webpage chartierstwp.com

Call or email Noelle Foss or Jessica Tedrow to register! 724-485-2126 parks@chartierstwp.com

Summer Playground Employment

We are accepting applications for summer employment at the Summer Playground program. The department is looking for a Camp Director, Lead, and part time camp counselors. Background check, clearances, and drug screening required. Great summer job for college students in education! For a complete qualifications list for each position: chartierstwp.com/positions-available/

Please send application & resume to:

parks@chartierstwp.com or 2013 Community Center Drive, Houston, PA 15342

Have any kids board games or toys that you no longer use?

Donate them to our playground programs!
Please contact CTCC if you'd like to do a drop off.

724-485-2126
parks@chartierstwp.com



Township Numbers

Township Offices
724-745-3415

Police Department
724-745-8030

Community Center
724-485-2126





Driver Safety

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Who: Ages 50 and up

What: Refresh your driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver Course. You'll learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, and new traffic laws & rules. This course is for beginners only. Please check with your insurance provider for any discounts that may be available after course completion before registering.

When: Tuesday, April 10 & Wednesday April 11 from 9:00am - 1:00pm (must attend both days)

Cost: \$15 AARP members,
\$20 non-members

*Register by Wednesday, April 4, 2018
to Jessica at 724-485-2126 or
parks@chartierstwp.com*

Silk Spray Making Class

Who: All ages welcome

What: Let Malone's Flower Shop teach you how to make a silk spray arrangement and then take it home!

When: Thursday, May 3, 12pm

Cost: \$40 (includes materials)



*MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 20 TO
724-485-2126 OR parks@chartierstwp.com*

CPR/First Aid Certification Course

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

When: Sat., April 21, 9am - 1pm

Where: CTCC Conference room

Cost: \$90 per person (group discount available)

Please register in advance to parks@chartierstwp.com



Senior Citizen Programs

Join the Chartiers-Houston Senior Citizens. Just \$3.

Monthly Meetings

Who: Seniors

What: Monthly Business Meeting & Lunches

When: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 11am

Upcoming lunches scheduled for March 20, April 17, & May 22

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$8

Lunch and Learn

Who: Seniors

What: Monthly Lunch with guest speakers

When: First Thursday every month. 11am

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$2 for lunch

April 5th is the next one!

Duplicate Bridge

Who: Bridge players

What: Play Bridge, meet new friends. Experience 27 hands of comparative partnership scoring

When: Fridays @ 10:30am

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$3 (snacks served)



Bingo

Who: Seniors

When: Tuesday & Thursday @ 10:30am

Where: CTCC

Fee: 20 cents a card



Knitting & Crocheting Club

What: Take an afternoon to socialize with some of your neighbors. Everyone is welcome, whether you know how to knit/crochet or not. The group works on projects for several charities in the region or their own!

When: Thursdays from 12:30 - 2:30pm

Where: CTCC

Cost: FREE

CURRENTLY SEEKING YARN DONATIONS!



Flea & Farmers Market

What: Join your friends and neighbors for CTCC's first Flea & Farmer's Market. Get rid of some of those clothes, toys, and knickknacks at home and support local farmers.

When: Saturday, August 25, 2018, 8am - 1pm

Where: CTCC Upper Parking Lot

Cost: \$10 for vendor spots. Each person gets 2 parking spots and must bring their own table/tent/chair. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Park.

FREE for attendees!



*We must have at least **10** vendors to hold this event.
Please contact Jessica at 724-485-2126 or
parks@chartierstwp.com to participate!*

Pavilion Rentals

Arnold Park and Allison Park each have a pavilion that is available for rent during the year.

Arnold Park is located off Pike Street next door to Chartiers-Houston HS. In addition to electric and rest rooms, there is a grill, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, swings and a playground as well as a kiddie sandbox.

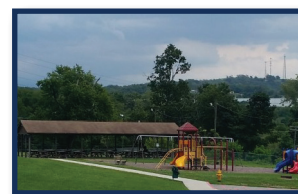
Allison Park is located next to Allison Park Elementary School and includes electric, grill, swings and a playground. A port a john is available there.

Both pavilions seat approximately 100 people.

Cost for pavilion rentals are:

- \$75 res/ \$100 non-res for Arnold Park
- \$50 res/ \$100 non-res for Allison Park.

There is a \$50 security deposit on both pavilions.



Interested parties should contact the Parks Department office at the Community Center — 724-485-2126 or parks@chartierstwp.com.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE REGULAR UPDATES ON PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS, EMAIL PARKS@CHARTIERSTWP.COM AND WE WILL ADD YOU TO THE GROUP EMAIL LIST.

Chartiers Township Community Center

The Chartiers Township Community Center (CTCC) is available for events up to 210 people. CTCC can accommodate banquets, wedding ceremonies, receptions, meetings and more.

Community Center Rates Fees

Banquet Hall

(less than 100 people) 6 hours

Friday/Saturday—\$350 resident/\$400 non-res.

Sunday—\$300 resident/\$350 non-res.

(More than 100 people) 6 hours

Friday/Saturday—\$650 resident/\$750 non-res.

Sunday—\$550 resident/\$600 non-res.

Activity Room

(seats 30) \$40/2 hours

Check out our brochure online—chartierstwp.com/community-center or contact us to check availability 724-485-2126 or parks@chartierstwp.com.

**Please contact us for
8 hour rentals for
weddings and large
fundraisers**

\$100 for use of kitchen

**\$30 alcohol permit +
constable required**



Community Center Recreation Classes

CTCC has a monthly calendar available on the Chartiers Township website, on the Chartiers Township Facebook page, and in the building with our current schedule of classes. Stop in this Spring and try something new!

Zumba

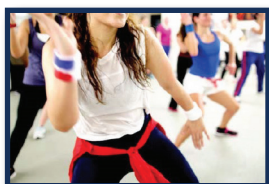
Who: Adults 18 & older

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

When: Tuesdays - 11:45 am
Wednesdays - 9:30 am
Thurs-days - 5:30 pm

Where: CTCC

Cost:
\$5 per person



TAI CHI

Who: Active teens and adults

What: Originating in ancient China, tai chi is an effective exercise for health of mind and body.

When: Tuesday, April 24, 6pm

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$10 per person—please register with payment in advance by April 17, 2018. We must have at least 5 registrants to hold this class.



Midline Momentum Cardio

Who: Seniors

What: Simple and easy movements providing cardio mixed with sculpting and strengthening exercises.

When: Tuesdays @ 9am

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$5 per person



Yoga

Who: 12 and 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. We will review yoga basics, such as yoga breathing, set-ting intentions for our practice, learning basic poses with proper and safe alignment for each individual, and learning how to be still and rest for a few minutes after practice.



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

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$5 per person

Line Dancing

Who: Ages 16 & up

What: Line dance to Latin, Country, Oldies, and Contemporary music.

When: Wednesday 6pm - 7pm

Check out our website for the start of our next sessions



Where: CTCC

Cost: \$30 for 6 sessions or drop in anytime for \$8

Ballroom/Latin Dancing

Who: Active teens and adults

What: Join us for a beginners ballroom and/or Latin dance lessons with Dance N At owner Brandy Graff. Specific dances will vary upon the group. You do not have to have a partner!



When: Monday, April 16, 2018
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$15 per person

Please register with payment in advance by April 10 to 724-485-2126 or parks@chartierstwp.com. We must have at least 6 registrants to hold this class.

FILE YOUR LOCAL TAX RETURN ONLINE

Tax Day, April 17, is fast approaching. Our local tax administrator, Keystone Collections Group, just made e-file easier and faster. With clear graphics, an interactive format and a streamlined process, you can file your local return online, in minutes, using any mobile device. You can file multiple returns from one e-file account, and you can view the status of your return(s) on the Home Page. If you moved during the year, e-file makes it easy to file your part-year returns for each of your home locations if Keystone is the tax administrator. Best of all – you can file your return today and schedule your payment for April 17 or before. You will get an online receipt for the payment. If you are due a refund, you'll receive an online confirmation that your refund was deposited into your bank account. Why wait? File online today with e-file.



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Houston, PA 15342

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Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors

Chairman
Glenn Alterio

Vice Chairman
Gary Friend

Secretary
John M. Marcischak

Township Says Goodbye to Longtime Supervisor

After 14 years of service, A. William Kiehl stepped down as a Chartiers Township Supervisor this winter. Bill served as Vice-Chairman from 2004-2014 and Chairman 2014-2018. He was awarded a plaque as a token of appreciation for his dedication to the betterment of this community!

We welcomed newly elected supervisor Gary Friend to the board in January.



Pictured (left) - Township Supervisors;
John Marcischak, Bill Kiehl, and Glenn Alterio



Pictured (left) - Township Solicitor, James P. Liekar
swearing in Township Supervisor Gary Friend