



April 2017

Chartiers
Township

NEWSLETTER

Manager's Message

Once again the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to continue to prepare and provide another issue of the Chartiers Township Newsletter. Our goal is to issue two newsletters each year. The purpose of the newsletters is to keep our residents up to date on happenings in the Township and provide helpful information. This newsletter not only contains upcoming recreation opportunities but also community events and other relevant information. Since the newsletter is

semiannual, please Like us on Facebook to keep current with information, events and opportunities that change rapidly. Since the inception of the Township Facebook page, there are now over 1,200 of you keeping up with what's going on in Chartiers Township via that page: www.facebook.com/chartierstwp. You can also sign up to start to receive or opt-out of emergency and informational calls via the Township website and our Swift911 call system. Keep informed about your community today!

Jodi L. Noble, Township Manager

A Message From the Chief of Police

Soon it will be time to put our snow shovels and ice scrapers away, and our attention will turn to home repairs and improvements. Unfortunately, those with less than honorable intentions also set out to exploit your desire to keep your property up to date. I can assure you with great confidence that these scammers will be out just as I continue to assure you that phone calls that you may receive from the "IRS" are not real.

The need to get the best deal on home repairs is understandable. A new roof or a new driveway can run thousands of dollars, and we would all like to get the work done for less. But, rogue contractors talk a good game and are persistent, they demand money up front and produce poor or incomplete work, or never return once they've been paid. Be careful when planning home improvements. Contractors are required to be licensed in Pennsylvania. When in doubt, refer to the Pennsylvania Attorney General website at <http://hicsearch.attorneygeneral.gov/> to look up any contractor that you are considering. Another resource is the Angie's List website <https://www.angieslist.com/> which contains contractor reviews and has recently become free to use. Lastly, reputable contractors rely heavily on word of mouth. Most likely there is someone you know and trust who has had some work done or knows someone that had work done who can provide you with the name of a good contractor. Be wary of the "contractor" who shows up at your door unannounced as these are usually roving groups who move from community to community, staying one step ahead of law enforcement as they move. When in doubt, you are encouraged to contact the Police Department before signing anything or releasing any funds.

Nice weather also brings the knock at the door of people purporting to sell anything from cleaning products to vacuum cleaners as well. Be aware that Chartiers Township does have an ordinance in place for soliciting where anyone who comes to your home is required to have an authorization from the Township to solicit. Contact 911 if someone does visit you without this written authorization. Be sure to provide your address, a description of the person(s) and any vehicle and their direction of travel. This will help the police to intercept the unregistered solicitor.

As most of you know Chartiers Township is not alone in the growing number of car break-ins. This is a crime of opportunity where the subject simply walks by a parked car and lifts the handle. If the car is locked, they move on; if not, they rummage for cash and other valuables in the vehicle. I, too, remember the days when we not only left our vehicles unlocked but our homes as well. Unfortunately, the world has changed. The people committing this type of crime are not looking to feed their hungry family, but to feed a drug habit, which is strong. If they can get \$2-\$3 from each of 20 cars on a street, it is enough to feed their habit for the night. Tomorrow, they move to the next street or the next neighborhood. A number of arrests have been made and our Department is in constant communication with neighboring police departments experiencing the same type of thefts, comparing notes and information obtained from each crime scene. These thieves are looking for a quick buck and as long as we make it easy for them we will continue to be victimized. Please remember to lock your doors, and don't be afraid to report any activity that you feel suspicious. As word gets around that the cars are locked in a neighborhood or the police show up every

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time they walk down the street, others won't want to waste their time and move on to a community less diligent in protecting their homes and property.

Lastly, school will be out soon and children will be playing in their yards or riding their bicycles on neighborhood streets. Remember to slow down and abide by the stop signs. We receive numerous complaints about speeding and stop signs. But, as long as one of our officers is watching a stop sign, everyone suddenly becomes law-abiding and remembers to stop. As soon as the officer pulls away to patrol or answer a call, everyone suddenly forgets and hardly slows down. There are people who walk the neighborhoods with their children and dogs. Will you be able to stop if one of those children darts in front of your car, especially if you're distracted by your phone?

Remember, Chartiers Township is our home. We all bear some responsibility to keep it safe.

Chief James Horvath

Improve Stormwater Management: Use a Rain Barrel!



During the most common rain event, where 1 inch of rain falls, the roof of a house may drain over 600 gallons of water across the shingles, into the gutters and down through the downspouts. This stormwater is often discharged onto an impervious material, i.e., concrete, asphalt, or a stone bed. An alternate and preferred method would be to discharge the water from the downspouts to a rain barrel.

Rain barrels help reduce the volume of runoff that reaches an impervious surface by storing it for later watering purposes or for release during times when the ground is not saturated. By capturing this water and releasing it when it is not raining, the amount of water directly entering local streams through runoff can be greatly reduced. It also provides for the first flush cleaning of the pollutants that are within the first inch of rainfall falling from a roof.

**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 Recreation Program Registration Form

Parent/Guardian Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Address: _____

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

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Participant/Age	Program	Day/Time	Fee
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

mail to: Chartiers Community Center, 2013 Community Center Dr., Houston, PA 15342

CELEBRATE CHARTIERS DAY 2017

Join Us for Celebrate Chartiers Day June 25th as we once again look forward to having you join us for food, fun, music and fireworks. Local groups are invited to set up and raise funds for their organizations and join in the fun! This year's event will once again include pony rides, a petting zoo, train, face painting, clowns, bingo, music by dunk tank, obstacle course and fireworks will cap off the evening once again.

Who: Chartiers Township Residents

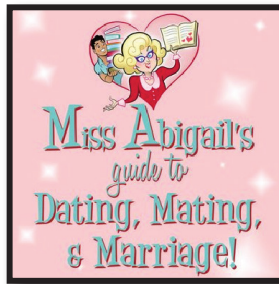
When: Sunday, June 25th, 6 PM-Fireworks

Where: CTCC

Time: 6 p.m.– 9:30 pm (fireworks)

Miss Abigail's guide to Dating, Mating, & Marriage

What: Dr. Ruth meets EmilPost in post Raucous comedy! *Miss Abigail's guide to Dating, Mating, & Marriage* puts you in the middle of a live session with Miss Abigail herself, the most sought-after relationship expert to the stars, and her sexy sidekick Paco!



They'll answer any and every one of your questions as they offer up Miss Abigail's outrageously funny "how-to's" on dating, mating and marriage including – how to perfect your kiss (it's all about lip position), what you should and should not talk about on a date (don't mention your troll doll collection) and much more. Kick back and relax as Miss Abigail imparts the expertise she honed before booty calls and speed-dating ruled – before the divorce rate wasn't 50% and when 'fidelity' was more than an investment firm! You'll improve your love life and strengthen your relationships well beyond her session. Oh, AND you're sure to be laughing about love all night long - that's the Miss Abigail guarantee.

When: Saturday, May 13th, 2 p.m.
Bus leaves CTCC at 11:30 am

Where: Cabaret at the Theatre Square

Fee: \$37
There are a few tickets still available
Contact parks@chartierstwp.com or call 724-485-2126

Lunch available at Cabaret

Easter Egg Hunt

Who: Kids under 11

What: Find candy and win prizes

When: April 15th @ 10 am SHARP!

Where: Allison Park Pavilion

Fee: FREE!

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



Concert in the Park

Who: NOMAD

When: Sunday,
July 16th

Where: CTCC and
Arnold Park
6 p.m.– Concert

Fee: FREE!



SING: Family Movie Night in the Park

What: Family Movie Fun

When: Sunday, August 14th at Dusk

Where: Arnold Park (CTCC if rain)

Fee: FREE!

Township Numbers

Township Offices
724-745-3415

Police Department
724-745-8030

Community Center
724-485-2126

Emergencies: 9-1-1





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 12th through August 18th (No program July 4th)
9am - 4pm (optional early drop off/late pick up 7am - 6pm)

Weekly Cost:

- **4-5 Days/week**
 - 1 child - \$145
 - 2 children - \$250
 - 3 children - \$330
- **2 or 3 days**
 - 1 child - \$95
 - 2 children - \$150
 - 3 children - \$195

**NO DROP INS
PRE-
REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED**

**THERE WILL BE A
MANDATORY
PARENTS MEETING
ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 1st
AT 6:30 P.M.**

There will be an additional \$10 field trip fee
All employees will have background checks and Act 33/34 clearances

Check out our webpage tab at chartierstwp.com
Call or email Noelle Mohr to register! 724-485-2126

Street Sweeping

April 17-28,

Chartiers Township will be sweeping the streets to get rid of antiskid 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.



Summer Swim Lessons

Who: Township Residents

What: Kids wishing to learn to swim or improve their abilities

When: Monday
through Thursdays

Where: The Golf
Club of Washington

Fee: \$25 per session



**Get regular updates
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CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP**

Join us for an Earth Day Road Side Cleanup Event!!

Who: Residents and friends of Chartiers Township Note, all volunteers will have to sign a Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Waiver before the cleanup.

What: Roadside Cleanup of Allison Hollow Road
Trash bags, gloves, vests, and refreshments will be provided by our sponsors

When: Saturday, April 22, 2016
8 am to 11 am

*Meet at the Township Building
at 7:45 am*

Wear: Comfortable clothes. Long sleeves, even if it is warm out, pants, and closed-toed shoes. Bright colors are optional and vests will be provided

Kids 10 and up are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who must sign a waiver.

Any questions please email, Keep Washington County Beautiful
at was-cokpb@gmail.com



Firefly Watch: Citizen Science Project

Who: All ages

What: Learn about fireflies and how to count them. We will start inside with a presentation on fireflies, then go outside to collect and count them as night falls.

When: Wednesday, June 28, 2017,
8:00pm to 9:30pm

Fee: FREE!

Presented by Audubon Society of
Western Pennsylvania

Registration requested at
[www.z2systems.com/np/clients/aswp/
event.jsp?event=389584&](http://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/aswp/event.jsp?event=389584&)

Knitting & Crocheting Club

What: Anyone who wants to be in a more social setting while knitting and crocheting.

When: Thursdays from 1-3 pm

Where: CTCC

Fee: FREE!

Parks & Recreation Department News

We are accepting applications for summer employment at the Summer Playground program. The department is looking for camp counselors and program leads. Background check and clearances required. Great summer job for college students in education! Counselors must be 17 or older to apply. Program leads must be 22 or older to apply. Contact Parks and Recreation at 724-485-2126.

Stop in and get to know our staff at the Chartiers Township Community Center.

Senior Citizen Programs

Join the Chartiers-Houston Senior Citizens. Just \$3 allows you discounted rates for some programming.

Monthly Lunches

Who: Seniors

What: Monthly Lunches

When: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 11 am (Upcoming lunches scheduled for April 18, May 23, June 13, July 18, August 15)

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$8

Duplicate Bridge

Who: Bridge players

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

When: Fridays @ 10:30 am

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$3 (snacks served)



Bingo

Who: Seniors

When: Tuesday & Thursday @ 10:30 am

Where: CTCC

Fee: 20 cents a card



Lunch and Learn

Who: Seniors

What: Monthly Lunch with guest speakers

When: First Thursday every month @ 11:30 am

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$2 for lunch

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.



Veterans Day Lunch

Over 80 veterans enjoyed a spaghetti luncheon as the Parks and Recreation Department hosted its second Veterans Day Lunch. The menu included spaghetti, meatballs, salad and desert. Everyone attending received a poppy, emblematic of Veterans Day and a thank you card from the department's in-service/vacation day program that was in session.



Openings are available on the Township's Friends of the Park. If you would be interested in serving on this fundraising arm that raises monies for Parks and CTCC improvements contact the Parks and Recreation Department for more information at 724-485-2126



Representative Brandon Neuman

On the second & fourth Thursday of every month from 9 am-11 am, State Representative Neuman has representatives from his office on hand at the CTCC to assist with any concerns from his constituency.

Chartiers Township Community Center



The Chartiers Township Community Center (CTCC) is available for events up to 200 people. CTCC can accommodate banquets, wedding ceremonies, receptions, meetings and more. There is a full size state of the art kitchen, conference room and room that can be used for small birthday parties. Bring your own caterer or do your own cooking!



Community Center Rates Fees

Banquet Hall

Half room rentals (100 people or less)

- 4 hours \$300 res./\$350 non res.
- 8 hours \$550 res./\$650 non res.
- Hourly \$80 res./\$95 non res.

Whole room rentals (up to 210 people)

- 4 hours \$500 res./\$600 non res.
- 8 hours \$800 res./\$900 non res.
- Hourly \$150 res./\$175 non res.

(4 & 8 hour package rentals include an hour before and after for set up/tear down)

Conference Room (seating for 22)

- \$20 / 2 hours

Activities Room (seats 35-40)

- \$40 / 2 hours



**Request a
Community Center Brochure**

Zumba

Who: Adults 18 & older

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

When: Tues. – 11:45 am (Zumba Gold)
Wed. – 9:30 am (Original Zumba)
Thurs. – 5:30 pm (Zumba Gold)

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$8/class-res; \$10/non-res; \$5/sr. cit.



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 3/29-5/3

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$30 for entire 6 weeks

PIYO LIVE

Who: Active teens and adults

What: Who says you have to jump, grunt, strain, and punish your body to get amazing results from your workout? Not with PiYo...PiYo combines the muscle-sculpting, core-firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility advantages of yoga. And, we crank up the speed to deliver a true fat-burning, low-impact workout that leaves your body looking long, lean, and incredibly defined.

When: Wednesdays 7pm & Fridays 10am (Starting on May 3rd)

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$48 residents/ \$60 nonresidents (6 once a week sessions)
Childcare package \$15 per child per 6 week session



CIZE LIVE

Who: Active teens and adults

What: Just as you might not master a full push-up or pull-up on your first try, this will be a challenge. This isn't one of those "dance-lite" workouts where you just shuffle your feet to the beat. Our instructor brings the dance studio to you to teach you real choreographed dance workouts designed by Shaun T. The instructor will break down the moves step-by-step, as you go, so you can learn them, repeat them until you're comfortable, put a sequence together, then bust out a full routine to songs from the CIZE playlist! You'll be completely amazed at how good you do and how good you feel!

When: Summer classes to be announced soon (Check out Chartiers Twp facebook page for details)

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$48 residents/\$60 nonresidents (6 once a week sessions)



Intro to 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, setting 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: Wednesdays, 10:30 am-11:30 am
Begin March 22 (5 weeks)

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$20 for 5 classes



Yoga

Who: Anyone over 12

What: Gentle Yoga. Bring your yoga mat and a small blanket or beach towel. Wear comfortable clothing, not too baggy.

When: Tues., 10:15 am-11:15 am
Wed., 10:30 am-11:30 am

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$5 srs. / \$8 res. / \$10 non-res.

Midline Momentum Cardio

Who: Adults

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

When: Tuesdays @ 9am

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$8/res; \$10/non-res; \$5/sr.

Child care is now available during select Exercise classes!!

Check out the Chartiers Twp Facebook page for more details!!



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Off-Road Vehicles

Off-road vehicles are snowmobiles, and motor driven vehicles with two wheels and ATV's used for off-road use and not required to be licensed by the State.

All off-road vehicles must be registered with Chartiers Township. Forms may be obtained at the Police Department. Registration is good for five years. No owner of an off-road vehicle shall permit the operation of an unregistered off-road vehicle. The permit fee is \$5.00.

No off-road vehicle may be:

- Operated on private property without permission of the owner or on public property unless otherwise posted.
- Operated within 300 feet of any property line where permission has not been obtained.
- Operated within 500 feet of an occupied structure or residence unless the rider/owner owns said structure

Hours of operation for an off-road vehicle is 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Violators, upon conviction by a Magistrate Judge, may be fined up to \$300.00 plus court costs per violation.

Be sensitive to other property owners and follow the rules for the operation of off-road vehicles.

