



September 2017

Chartiers  
Township

# NEWSLETTER

## Manager's Message

Hello and welcome to the Fall 2017 edition of the Chartiers Township Newsletter. On behalf of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors, we hope you enjoy the publication and find the information contained in it helpful. This issue contains not only useful contact information and events, but also some tips that will be helpful as we look forward to winter. Additionally, this issue contains recreational classes, events and programming opportunities at the Chartiers Township Community Center to help keep you busy this fall

and winter. You can find a class for just about any age or interest. Just because it's cold outside doesn't mean you can't stay busy. Try out one of our various fitness class offerings to keep off those winter pounds. The opportunities don't stop there. Consider renting the Chartiers Township Community Center for your next event or party! Finally, don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook to keep up to date on what's going on in our community.

*Jodi L. Noble, Township Manager*

## A Message From the Chief of Police

As we move into fall and winter remember that school is back in session, which always lends itself to added traffic as vacations wind down and school buses hit the roads. Remember that you **MUST STOP** any time you meet a school bus approaching from the opposite direction with its red signals flashing to load or unload students. If I ask you to think back to your childhood, I'm sure you'll recall that your mind tended to wander and you didn't always watch what you were doing. Today's kids are even more distracted. Please be mindful of this as you travel, especially as the season turns to winter and ice and snow make stopping a challenge. Failure to stop for a school bus with its lights flashing is punishable by both a hefty fine and a license suspension. While that should be enough of a deterrent, consider the possibility of rushing to beat the bus and hitting and injuring a child...or worse. Do you believe you'll be able to live with it?

Also, remember to buckle up any time you are in a vehicle—front and back seat included. Ask any passengers to buckle their

seatbelt before putting the vehicle into drive.

I would also like to advise that parking on Township roads is against the law. It's particularly important at this time of year to allow our Public Works staff to completely remove snow and ice from the roads without encountering obstacles. There have been instances where officers have had to ask people to move their cars because there wasn't enough space between them should a firetruck need to pass. Of course there are instances when parking on the street may be necessary

for family functions. If you do need street parking for a limited amount of time, please contact the Police Department at (724) 745-8030 and leave a message with your name and address and indicate the reason and estimated amount of time. Please be sure to leave a call-back number should a return call be necessary.

Please enjoy the rest of 2017 and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very safe and happy holiday season from your Police Department.

*Chief James Horvath*



## Washington County Monthly Electronics Collection

WHEN: November 7, 2017 & December 12, 2017

WHERE: Washington County Fairgrounds,  
Exhibit Hall 1, 2151 N Main St, Washington, PA 15301

TIME: 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

WHAT: Come and recycle your old electronics!

### They will accept:

- Computer Equipment
- TV (1 per carload)
- Freon Appliances (\$15 each)
- Fluorescent Tubes & CFLs (\$1 per bulb)

For the most up to date event information , including cancellations please call: 724-250-4839 .

*\*\*\*If there is a large line of traffic backed up onto Main St due to the time needed for unloading, please leave and come back.\*\*\**



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE REGULAR UPDATES  
ON PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS, EMAIL  
[PARKS@CHARTIERSTWP.COM](mailto:PARKS@CHARTIERSTWP.COM)  
AND WE WILL ADD YOU TO THE GROUP EMAIL LIST.**

## Planning Department

The Chartiers Township Planning Department is here to help you! Please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by with any questions prior to starting a construction project. Here are some frequently asked questions we receive:

### Does my shed require a permit?

All residential sheds constructed in the Township do require a permit. Depending on the size of the shed, residents should apply for a zoning permit or a building permit. A shed less than 200 square feet in area only requires a zoning permit. A shed over 200 square feet requires a building permit. Whether a building or zoning permit is needed, the shed must be set back from all property lines in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance. The Chartiers Township Planning Department is available to answer any questions you may have!

### Does my fence require a permit?

All fences constructed in the Township require a permit. Depending on the height of the fence, residents should

apply for a zoning permit or a building permit. A fence less than 6 feet in height only requires a zoning permit. It is permissible to construct the fence up to a property line, however in order to manage the property line the fence should be setback at least one foot. A fence over 6 feet in height requires a building permit and must also comply with setback requirements as outlined in the Zoning Ordinance. The Chartiers Township Planning Department is available to answer any questions you may have!

### Do my other construction projects require a building or zoning permit?

In most instances the answer is yes. However, some projects do not require a permit. We are here to help you navigate the permit process so please do not hesitate to contact us prior to starting work!





## Coal Tipple Brewery Bus Trip

Join us for a fun afternoon at the Coal Tipple Brewery in Burgettstown, PA! \$20 per person and receive 2 flights of beer or wine, transportation, and snacks. Bus will leave from the Community Center by 1:15 p.m. Please sign up by September 29, 2017 to [parks@chartierstwp.com](mailto:parks@chartierstwp.com) or stop by!

**Who:** You!

**When:** Sunday, October 15, 2017

**Where:** Leaves from CTCC  
1:15 p.m.

**Time:** 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$20



## Chartiers Township Light Up Night

**What:** Join your friends and neighbors for the annual tree lighting at Arnold Park. Visit with Santa in the Community Center and enjoy light refreshments!

**When:** Sunday, November 26, 2017

**Where:** Arnold Park & Chartiers Township Community Center

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Cost:** *FREE!*



**Trick-or-Treat is  
Tuesday, October 31  
6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**

## Township Numbers

**Township Offices**  
724-745-3415

**Police Department**  
724-745-8030

**Community Center**  
724-485-2126

**Emergencies: 9-1-1**



## Fill a Firetruck

**What:** Please help fill a firetruck with new and unwrapped toy donations for the less fortunate. Toys will be distributed in partnership with Allison Park Elementary's 'Secret Santa'.

**When:** Sunday, December 10, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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



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us on FACEBOOK at  
CHARTIERS**

## 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, October 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Where:** CTCC Conference Room

**Cost:** \$90 per person

*Please register in advance at [parks@chartierstwp.com](mailto:parks@chartierstwp.com)*



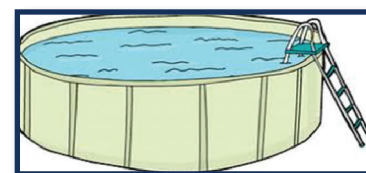
## Stormwater Corner: Draining your swimming pool

As Summer comes to an end, Chartiers Township would like to remind residents to properly drain your pool to avoid contaminating our streams and waterways and that draining pool water into our local waterways is a violation of the Clean Streams Act. Therefore, if you have to partially or fully drain your swimming pool, follow these guidelines:

1. Stop chlorinating your pool prior to draining and allow the water to sit for 2 weeks to allow the chlorine to dissipate;
2. The water can be discharged into the sanitary sewer

system where it can be treated. People often direct the water into their cleanout;

3. If discharging into the sanitary system is not an option use a small volume pump and control the discharge so it does not spill out and leave your property and it drains at a rate that does not create runoff or ponding.



## Chartiers In-Service and Vacation Program

**Who:** Elementary age children 5 through 11

**What:** Daily programming providing children with activities, games, arts & crafts, music, field trips, special events, and more

**When:** Nov. 27, Jan. 15, Feb. 16, March 16, 28, 29, 30 April 2, 3, 4



7:00am – 6:00pm (early drop off/late pick up available upon request)

**Where:** Chartiers Township  
Community Center



**Cost:** \$30 per child, per day

\$5 discount per child for siblings  
Additional \$10 fee on field trip days



PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD(REN)  
NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please select the days the  
child will be attending.*

**Mail Registration Form to:**  
Chartiers Township  
Community Center  
2013 Community Center Dr.  
Houston, PA 15342

**or e-mail to:**  
coordinator@chartierstwp.com

Nov. 27	
Jan. 15	
Feb. 16	
Mar. 28	
Mar. 29	
Mar. 30	
Apr. 2	
Apr. 3	
Apr. 4	

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

October 23rd – October 30th – November 6th – November 13th – November 20th (if necessary)

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.

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.  
**THANK YOU** for your cooperation in helping to make this program a success!!!!





# Senior Citizens Programs

Join the Chartiers-Houston Senior Citizens for JUST \$3

## Monthly Lunches

**Who:** Seniors

**What:** Monthly Lunches

**When:** 3rd Tuesday of every month at 11 a.m. Upcoming lunches scheduled for September 19, October 17, November 14, & December 12.

**Where:** CTCC

**Cost:** \$8

*Flu Shots will be available at the September, October, and November monthly luncheon!*

## 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

**Cost:** \$3 (snacks served)



Pictured above left front,  
Virginia Rockwell, Betty Sebastian,  
Georgette Insana, Mary Jane Stewart,  
Justine Lajevic, and Mary Jane Ault.

## Lunch and Learn

**Who:** Senior Citizens

**What:** Monthly Lunch with guest speakers

**When:** First Thursday every month @ 11:30 am

**Where:** CTCC

**Cost:** \$2 for lunch



**Who:** Seniors

**When:** Tuesday & Friday @ 10:30 am

**Where:** CTCC

**Cost:** 20 cents a card

## Pavilion Rentals

2018 pavilion rentals at Arnold Park and Allison

Parkette will begin January 2, 2018!



## Veterans Day Lunch

**Who:** Those who have or are currently serving in the military.

**What:** Spaghetti, salad, dessert, and rolls

**When:** Thursday, November 9, 2017  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Where:** CTCC

**Cost:** **FREE**—pre-registration requested

Volunteers Needed—Please contact [parks@chartierstownship](mailto:parks@chartierstownship)

## Knitting & Crocheting Club

**What:** All are welcome! You don't have to knit/crochet or practice needle arts; some come to color. This is an afternoon to socialize. The group makes gifts for themselves or charity.



They have made booties for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Bethel Park, chemo hats for the Satchels of Caring, afghans to be distributed at the City Mission and Children's Hospital, birds nests, and their most recent is Clicks for Babies, making purple hats for infants to be passed out at hospitals in conjunction with the Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention program.

**When:** Thursdays from 1 – 3 pm

**Where:** CTCC

**Cost:** **FREE!**

*They are always accepting yarn donations!*



# Chartiers Township Community Center Rentals



The Chartiers Township Community Center (CTCC) is available for events up to 210 people. CTCC can accommodate banquets, wedding ceremonies, receptions, meetings and more. There is a full size state of the art kitchen, conference room, and activity room that can be used for small birthday parties.

**Bring your own caterer or do your own cooking!**



**Banquet Hall**  
(200 seated with dance floor)

**Conference Room**  
(seats 10 around table,  
22 with extra chairs)

**Activity Room**  
(seats 32)



**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 Director, Jessica Tedrow at 724-485-2126.**



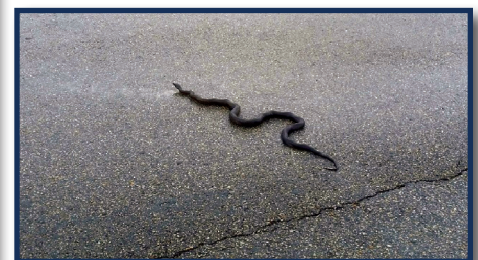
## Wildlife in Our Parks

This summer, despite the sweltering heat and wet weather our animals in Arnold Park seem to be thriving. We've pictured a red-tailed hawk taking off and a large black snake pursuing his next meal across the blacktop. We even noticed a small mink in the nearby wetlands, but weren't quick enough to get a photo.



Take a picture of some of the wildlife you spot in the township and it could be featured in the next publication!

Send to [parks@chartierstwp.com](mailto:parks@chartierstwp.com)





## 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  
Thursdays – 5:30 pm (Gold)

**Where:** CTCC

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



## 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/sr.

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

Let us know!

[Parks@chartierstwp.com](mailto:Parks@chartierstwp.com)

## 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:** Wednesday, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Where:** CTCC

**Cost:** \$30 for entire 6 weeks



## 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. Bring a mat, towel, and water.



**When:** (Gentle Yoga) Tuesdays,  
10:15a.m. – 11:15a.m. &

(Intro Yoga) Wednesdays,  
10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.

**Where:** CTCC

**Cost:** \$8 class-res. / \$10 non-res. / \$5 sr. cit

*Donate a canned good for class instead of payment October 10-13. All goods will be delivered to the Greater Washington County Food Bank.*

## 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:** Tuesdays starting September 19, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** CTCC

**Cost:** \$48 (6 once a week sessions)

Please register before the first class to [parks@chartierstwp.com](mailto:parks@chartierstwp.com)

TRY IT FOR FREE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 9:30AM



## P90x LIVE

**Who:** Active teens and adults

**What:** P90X LIVE is total-body strength and cardio conditioning that helps get rid of fat and build lean muscle fast. It's tough—but instructors can show attendees how to modify any move, and the group motivation will help everyone push past plateaus.

**When:** Tuesdays starting September 19, 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** CTCC

**Cost:** \$48 (6 once a week sessions)

Please register before the first class to [parks@chartierstwp.com](mailto:parks@chartierstwp.com)

TRY IT FOR FREE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 9AM





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## Winter Maintenance Tips

Throughout the winter, the Chartiers Township Public Works Department works to keep 114 lane miles of Chartiers Township roadways passable during unpredictable weather conditions. Crews are on-call 24 hours a day ready to mobilize 6 trucks equipped with spreaders and plows on snow removal routes throughout the township. As a reminder, there is no on street parking in Chartiers Township.

The Public Works Department appreciates residents' patience and cooperation as they work to keep roads clear amid unpredictable weather conditions. Please remember the following regulations this winter.

- Do not shovel snow into the street from driveways, parking lots or sidewalks. This violates both state law and township ordinance.
- Please assist public safety personnel by clearing snow from fire hydrants in your neighborhood.
- Please remove basketball hoops, hockey nets and other obstructions from roadways, cul-de-sacs and rights-of-way to avoid interfering with winter road maintenance.

- Remember that it is extremely difficult for snowplow drivers to see children in the street. Never allow children to play or build snow forts on or near the street or in the mounds left by snowplows.
- When driving behind a plow truck, maintain a safe distance to avoid material kickback and allow enough time to come to a safe stop if necessary. According to PennDOT, there is never a "safe" time to pass a snowplow in your car.

