



March 2016

Chartiers
Township

NEWSLETTER

Manager's Message

On behalf of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors, we hope you enjoy the Spring edition of the award winning, Chartiers Township Newsletter. Our Fall 2015 edition took third place for the most improved newsletter for the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors and we will strive to continue to improve it with each edition. We'd like to encourage residents to become familiar with some of the recreational opportunities being offered in the Township. In addition to Allison Parkette and Arnold Park, the Chartiers Township Community Center has regular recreational opportunities for our residents. There are a variety of sessions, including community programs, educational sessions, senior

programs and even fitness classes. We have some wonderful opportunities coming up this Spring and Summer for the children in the community as well. Please consider joining your friends and neighbors for one of the many recreational offerings contained in this newsletter. We all can enjoy the resources available to us right here in Chartiers Township! Sign up for the class or program of your choice today!



Jodi L. Noble, Township Manager

A Message From the Chief of Police

The arrival of spring and warmer weather provides homeowners with the opportunity to make repairs and changes to their house or property. While some people will choose to do the work themselves and save money, others might hire a handyman or contractor to do the work for them. Some, such as the elderly, may not have the luxury of choice and will do the latter.

Chartiers Township Police Department would like to warn everyone that warm weather activities such as painting, roofing and driveway sealing also brings out criminals who take advantage of people. Senior citizens often become targets for these types of crimes, however, anyone can become a victim if you don't think first and use good judgment.

A couple of the most common home repair frauds are driveway sealing and painting frauds.

In a driveway sealing scam, the homeowner is approached at the home and told that a nearby driveway repair job was just completed and that because there is material remaining, the homeowner has an opportunity to take advantage and save money - if the work is performed immediately. Be careful because once the job is done, the homeowner is often told that the cost is more than expected. In addition, the material used may be substandard and will wash off with the next rain.



Painting and other home repair frauds are similar. The homeowner may be overcharged and/or the quality of the work is poor as well as the quality of the material being used.

Sometimes, a ruse burglary is the real purpose of an unsolicited visit. A ruse burglary is when the offender may pose as a public utility employee, a roofer, or other service provider and claim they need access to the victim's residence or back yard to inspect their water, gas or cable components, recent work done, work that needs to be done, etc. The offender then directs the victim to an area of the residence away from where valuables may be stored, or to come outside of their residence to look at something in their yard while an accomplice enters the home.

Here are some easy ways to keep from becoming a victim.

Get several estimates and compare. Ask if there is a charge for an estimate, check out contractors with the Better Business Bureau and State, Ask for references and call them. Ask your friends for recommendations, be leery of high-pressure sales tactics or someone who "happens to be in the area", pay by check so that you can stop payment if dissatisfied, get a guarantee on the work, never sign a work of completion unless all work is done to your satisfaction.

DO NOT allow strangers to come into your home or to distract you away from your unlocked front door.

If someone comes to your door unsolicited and you feel uncomfortable, PLEASE excuse yourself, lock your door, and call 911. Let our Officers check this person out for you it's our job and you may just stop your neighbor from becoming a Victim.

I would also like to remind everyone to please be mindful of your speed when traveling through the Township. This is the time of year when the outdoor activities begin and many children and adults as well are out walking and riding on the streets

Chief James Horvath

The end of 2015 brought an end to an era.

Chartiers Township receptionist and Township Secretary Wendy Williams retired after 44 years on the job.

In that time Wendy saw many changes from sharing a “desk” with other employees to new housing developments and the growth Chartiers Township.

Wendy was recognized by the Township Board of Supervisors for her service during her final Township meeting in December. She was presented with gifts from the supervisors and staff. She promises to still be around and involved in various volunteer endeavors but promises you won't hear her voice anymore when calling the Township offices.

Congratulations Wendy!

The Township Board of Supervisors also welcomed new Supervisor Glenn Alterio who won November's election and will replace outgoing Supervisor Richard Metzler who did not seek reelection. Supervisor Alterio will serve as Vice Chairman of the Board.



Pictured from left to right: Board of Supervisors Chairman A. William Kiehl presents gift to outgoing Township Secretary Wendy Williams; Newly elected Supervisor Glenn Alterio (I) receives good luck wishes from outgoing Supervisor Richard Metzler*. Chairman Kiehl (I) presents Mr. Metzler with an award recognizing his years of service to the Township.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE REGULAR UPDATES ON PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS, EMAIL BBROZOVICH@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 _____

Emergency contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

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

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 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, 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

The Township hosted its first Veterans Day Lunch this past November at CTCC. Close to 80 attended to be recognized for their service. The menu included spaghetti, meatballs, salad and desert. Everyone attending received a poppy, emblematic of Veterans Day.

Special thanks to all of those who helped sponsor the event. They included Range Resources, Terra Testing, HBC Service, Accutrex Products, Northwest Savings, Waste Management, Chef Corrido's Good Eats, Zane's Custom Catering, Guyton's Food Service and Millcraft Investments.

Washington County Commissioners Diana Irely Vaughn, Larry Maggi and Harlan Shoher Jr. and Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors A. William Kiehl, John Marcischak and Richard Metzler also helped sponsor the event.

Special thanks to all the volunteers and the students from the Washington County Vo-Tech who prepared the sauce and helped serve the crowd.

Openings are available on the Township's Recreation Committee and Friends of the Park. If you would be interested in serving on either of these committees, contact the Parks and Recreation Department for more information at 724-485-2126

Get involved

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

- Full Room (over 100 people)
\$800-res./\$900-non-res.
- Half Room (less than 100 people)
\$300-res./\$350-non-res.
- Add \$100 for use of kitchen

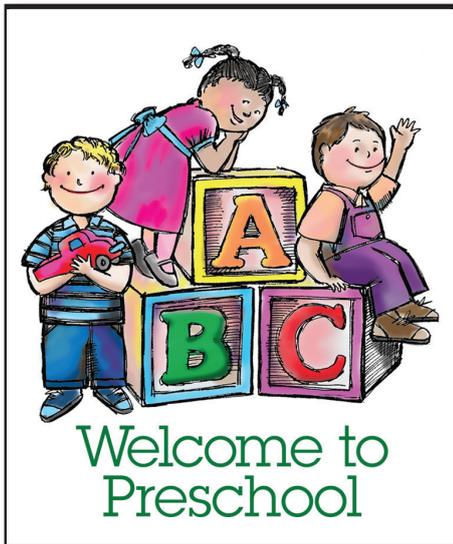
Conference Room (seating for 22)

- \$50-res./\$60-non-res.

Activities Room (seats 35*40)

- \$80-res./\$90-non-res.





Little Bucs

Who: 2 and 3 year olds!

What: Pre-k program designed to assist in separation and socialization. Children will learn A letter of the alphabet each day which will coincide with a letter craft. They will also enjoy story time, free play, music, dance & snack time.

When: Mon. and Wed. - 12pm-2pm

Monday Sessions:

- Aug 29, 2016 - May 22, 2017

Wednesday Sessions:

- Sept. 31, 2016 - May 24, 2017

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$60 per month (Ask about discount if attending both Monday & Wednesday)

Children do not have to be fully potty-trained



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Hot Dog Fridays at the Park

Who: Everyone who enjoys hot dogs!!

What: Support Chartiers Friends of the Park

When: Fridays starting May 27th - September 2nd from 11:30 am - 1pm

Where: Arnold Park

Fee: \$2 (Proceeds benefit Parks in Chartiers)



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



Chartiers Summer Playground

Who: Elementary age children 5 through 11

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

When: June 13th through August 15th (No program July 4th)

Weekly Cost:

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| • 4-5 Days/week | • Fees for 2 or 3 days |
| 1 child- \$135 | 1 child- \$85 |
| 2 children- \$225 | 2 children- \$135 |
| 3 children- \$300 | 3 children- \$170 |

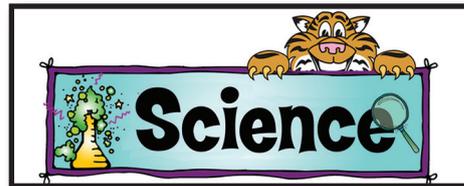
Where: Arnold Park Pavilion

Fees include field trip costs, some lunches and t-shirt
All employees will have background checks and Act 33/34 clearances



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

**THERE WILL BE A
MANDATORY
PARENTS MEETING
ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 2ND
AT 7 P.M.**



Science Tots

Who: Children ages 3-5 w/ Parent or Guardian

What: It is never too early to start STEM education! The goal of Science Tots is to develop activities that are fun, engaging, and demonstrate that the intellectual potential of early learners' is often underestimated. For class descriptions, please visit: www.sciencetots.org

When:

- Friday, March 11 from 10-11am
DNA Extraction for Tots
- Friday, March 25 from 10-11am
Intro to DNA for Tots
- Friday, April 15 from 10-11am
Prototyping for Tots
- Friday, May 6 from 10-11am
Coding for Tots
- Friday, May 13 from 10-11am
Squishy Circuits for Tots
- Friday, May 20 from 10-11am
Messy Math for Tots

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$12 per class/ \$65 for 6 classes. To register, please call (304) 919-0343.

Celebrate Chartiers Day 2016

Join Us for Celebrate Chartiers Day June 26th 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 TOTALLY 80's, dunk tank, obstacle course and fireworks will cap off the evening once again.

Who: Chartiers Residents

When: Sunday, June 26th, 6 PM-Fireworks

Where: CTCC



Township Numbers

Township Offices
724-745-3415

Police Department
724-745-8030

Community Center
724-485-2126

"First Date" Bus Trip

Who: Adults

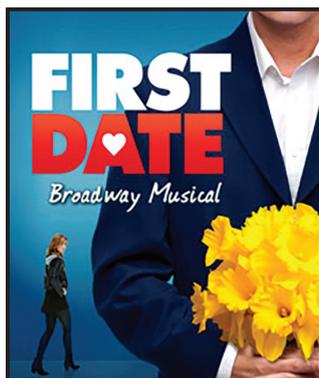
What: *BOY MEETS GIRL... ON A BLIND DATE... IN A MUSICAL.*

Imagine you're on a blind date and your mother shows up - followed by Grandma Ida, your opinionated best friend, your therapist and a bevy of broken-hearted exes.

When: Sunday, April 17th
Bus leaves CTCC at 11:30 am

Where: Cabaret at the Theatre Square

Fee: \$30/Lunch available at Cabaret



Sign up by March 23rd

Chartiers Night at Wild Things vs. Evansville

Who: Chartiers Residents, families and friends

What: Community Night Fundraiser

When: Saturday, June 4th
Game time 7:05 pm

Where: Consol Energy Park

Fee: \$10 includes cookie/milk ticket

Reserved seating, pregame activities and giveaways



J&D Cellars Winery and Vineyard

Who: Adults

What: Trip to Winery to enjoy an afternoon of Entertainment, snacks and wine

When: Sunday, August 7th, Bus leaves CTCC at 12:30 p.m.

Where: J & D Winery, Eighty Four, PA

Fee: \$20/person



Easter Egg Hunt

Who: Kids under 11

What: Find candy and prizes

When: March 26th @ 10 am SHARP!

Where: Allison Park Pavilion

Fee: FREE!

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



Car Cruise and Concert in the Park

Who: Classic Car fans and Chartiers Residents

What: Find candy and prizes

When: Sunday, July 24th
5 p.m. – Car Cruise
6 p.m. – Concert

Where: CTCC and Arnold Park

Fee: FREE!



Cirque De La Symphonie

What: Cirque de la Symphonie is a new production formed to bring the magic of cirque to the music hall. It is an exciting adaptation of artistic performances widely seen in theaters and arenas everywhere.

Artists include the most amazing veterans of exceptional cirque programs throughout the world—aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, dancers, jugglers, balancers, and strongmen.

Each artist's performance is professionally choreographed to classical masterpieces and popular contemporary music in collaboration with the maestro.

When: Saturday, April 30, Bus leaves CTCC at 1 p.m.

Where: Heinz Hall

Fee: \$50

Pirates vs. Phillies

Who: Chartiers Residents

What: Bus trip to watch the Pirates

When: Saturday, July 23rd, Bus leaves CTCC at 2:30 p.m.

Where: PNC Park

Fee: \$55



Family Movie Night in the Park

What: Family Movie Fun
The Peanuts Movie

When: Sunday, August 14th at Dusk

Where: Arnold Park (CTCC if rain)

Fee: FREE!



Tots in the Woods

Who: Ages 3-5 w/ Parent or Guardian

What: Join us outside for crafts, storytelling, music making, dancing, butterfly spotting, & caterpillar catching!

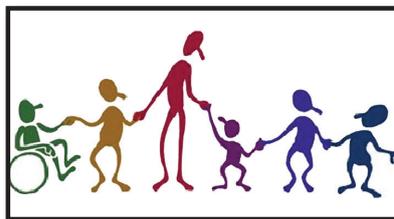
When: Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am. June 1st through July 27. No class on Monday, July 4.

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$175 for 8 weeks, Siblings under 3 FREE. To register, please call (304) 919-0343. Maximum of 8 per class

P.A.L.S. (Providing Assistance Love and Support)

The Parks & Recreation Department is looking for residents interested in serving on a start up committee to begin developing programming for children with special needs and their families. Contact Bob at CTCC if you are interested in serving.



Parks & Recreation Department News

We are accepting applications for summer employment at it Summer Playground program. The department is looking for a program director, assistant director and camp counselors. Background check and clearances required. Great summer job for college students in education! Contact Parks and Recreation at 724-485-2126.

Senior Citizen Programs

Join the Chartiers-Houston Senior Citizens. Just \$2 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 March 15, April 19, May 17, July 21, August 19

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



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

Where: CTCC

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

Midline Momentum Cardio

Who: Adults

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

When: Tuesdays @ 9 am

Where: CTCC

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



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: Tuesday: 10:15 am-11:15 am

Where: CTCC

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

Chartiers Spring Clean-up Day

What: An opportunity to clean bulk items out of your house.

When: Saturday May 21, 2016

The following items **WILL NOT** be picked up, so please don't place them out:

1. auto tires
2. automobile parts
3. dirt, bricks, stones and concrete
4. refrigerators, air-conditions units and appliances which have not been certified for removal of chlorofluorocarbons.
5. cans exceeding in 40 lbs.
6. carpet not cut-(must be bundled and tied in 4' lengths)
7. paint-liquid
8. E-Waste material (electronic items, TV's, Computers, etc.)

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain unobstructed, safe access to refuse being collected. Remember they arrive early so have your items to the curb the night before

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!



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. Presented by Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania

When: Thursday, June 30, 2016, 8:00pm to 9:30pm

Fee: FREE!

Registration requested at
<https://goo.gl/WxhEku>

Line Dancing

Who: Folks looking for an evening of fun and fitness while enjoying line dancing moves

When: Tuesdays from 6-7 pm

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$2



Help Reduce Storm Water Runoff



Dealing with storm water is becoming more and more of an issue across the State, including right here in Chartiers Township. Storm water can cause flooding and can contaminate our waterways that are eventually used to collect our drinking water. You can help avoid some of these problems by reducing impervious areas (hard surfaces like roofs, paved areas) and preventing runoff from these surfaces so that rain soaks into the ground. Planting trees, plants and other vegetation can help storm water infiltrate the ground and increase evaporation. Rain gardens, rain barrels, and similar practices can also reduce runoff. By doing some small things, you can have a big impact on improving storm water management and water quality in our community.



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Code Enforcement Updates

Property Maintenance

Accumulation of trash waste or bulky items are not to be accumulated on any property in the Township.

Swimming Pools

Permits are required to install swimming pools; building permit applications are available on-line or at the Municipal Office. Swimming pools must be maintained and kept free of stagnant water. Pools must be enclosed by a fence, wall or other substantial barrier no less than 4 feet high with self closing, self latching gate and must reasonably prevent access to the pool.



Pet Owners

When walking your pets please be sure to pick-up your pet's droppings. Owners are required to pick-up after their pets and dispose of these items in a sanitary manner. Please be respectful to your neighbors. Pets must be under the owners control at all times and are not permitted to run at large.

Rental Property Owners

Occupancy permit forms are to be completed and submitted to

the Township Office when a property is first rented or leased and when a new tenant moves in. Forms can be obtained at the Municipal Office. The tenant occupancy fee is \$10.00

Junk and Abandoned Vehicles

It is prohibited to store any junk or abandoned vehicle on public or private property. A vehicle is junk or abandoned when it does not have a current registration, current certificate of inspection and/or an ascertainable vehicle identification number. Such vehicles may be kept on the property only if under



Township Honored

Chartiers Township has received recognition from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors in the 48th annual Township Citizens Communication Contest. The township received third place in the most-improved newsletters category. The entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well it was communicated to residents. Publications also were judged on overall attractiveness and readability.

