



September 2016

Chartiers
Township

NEWSLETTER

Manager's Message

We certainly hope that you enjoy the Fall 2016 edition of the Chartiers Township Newsletter, and find the information contained in it helpful. Please take the opportunity to try one of our many classes or programs at the Community Center this fall. As we prepare for the fall and winter months, we have included some useful information to assist you in dealing with Township operations this winter. In the coming months, the Township will be working on the 2017 Budget. As part of that process, the Township will have to adjust the Township tax rate to account for the Washington County Reassessment. The Township will reduce the current 9 mill tax rate that has remained steady for 22 years to accommodate the 100% valuation and new assessed values that the County has established. As you may know, the Township's real estate revenue stream cannot prosper from the reassessment and the "anti-windfall" provision in the reassessment law means that the Township must lower the tax rate to ensure that the Township does not collect more than 110% of the prior year's real estate tax revenue. We understand that the Township's overall tax base may change as a

result of assessment appeals, but we will do our best to calculate the new tax rate based on all the information available and ensure that we fall within anti-windfall cap. Once the new tax rate is established we will make the Township's millage calculation available on the Township website so you can see how we came up with the new rate along with worksheets you can use to figure out the amount you can expect to pay in

Township taxes in 2017. Please keep in mind, while the overall taxes the Township receives will be neutral, individuals taxes may fluctuate based on the relationship of your old assessed value to your new assessed value. We understand that the new assessments, new system and tax rates is a change for everyone and we will try to make things as clear as possible and provide you with the information you need to understand paying your taxes with the new assessed values.

Jodi L. Noble, Township Manager

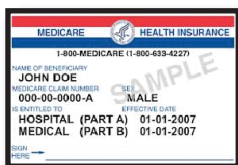


A Message From the Chief of Police

Summer is about to end and the leaves will be falling soon. School is in and the busses are rolling. A reminder that passing a school bus loading or unloading students is a violation and carries a steep fine. Officers will be monitoring school bus routes for not only this violation but also speeding and aggressive driving. I urge you to lock your vehicles and not to leave valuable items laying in plain sight. If for some reason you must leave these items in your car, lock them in your trunk.

There are a few scams that you should be on guard for at this time of year. Please review them and again if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by calling us at 724.745.8030 or 911.

Medicare Scams



Before and during open enrollment, which runs Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, identity thieves angle for your Social Security number posing as Medicare employees, claiming new cards are being issued, agency records need updating or they can help with plan enrollment. They solicit Medicare numbers

(which are the same as Social Security numbers) for "verification." Some seek payment, pretending you've got past-due medical bills. Don't believe them or call ID. "Medicare will never call and ask for personal information, such as your Medicare number, over the phone,"

says an agency spokesman. Nor will Medicare email or visit your home unannounced to collect data it already has.

Cold-weather Capers

As the temperature chills, telephone scammers pose as utility company employees and threaten to shut off your service because of supposedly unpaid bills. Usually they request payment via hard-to-trace prepaid debit cards, but some ask for credit card numbers or even cash, offering to send someone to pick it up. If you really are overdue, most utilities will mail at least one, if not several, termination notices. Utility companies do not dispatch employees to your home for payments and rarely show up unannounced for service calls. Also beware — and get second opinions — when contractors you've hired at low-ball rates tell you they've discovered costly jobs that you'd better take care of right away before winter sets in, such as cleaning chimneys, HVAC ducts or furnaces.

Charity Cons

Superstorm Sandy hit in October — along with fake charities supposedly raising money for its victims. Last year, it was Ebola. And with the approaching holidays (and deadlines for year-end tax deductions), its prime time for heartstring tugging to get you to open your wallet. Besides the disaster du jour, scams that specifically target older donors often claim to help police and fire personnel, veterans, and sick or needy children. (Continued on page 8)

Chief James Horvath

Chartiers Park Committee News

The Chartiers Township Park Committee has been busy over the past year meeting with representatives from Mackin Engineering Company to develop a Parks and Recreation plan for Chartiers Township.

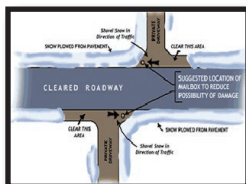


The plan was adopted in July and included recommendations regarding park development in the Township owned areas of Arnold Park, Allison Parkette, Ullom property and the Pine Lawn property that includes the Chartiers-Houston Community Library. It is available for review at the Township building or on the township website.

As a result of the plan, the park committee has identified three items to focus on getting completed in the first phase of development. They include a trail around Allison Parkette, rest rooms at Allison and development of a field at Arnold Park.

Snow Removal Tips

The Township Public Works Crew works hard to clean the 59 miles of Township roads during a snowfall. Snow routes are cleared as follows for emergency, safety and traffic reasons: school bus routes, hills and curves, collector and arterial roads, residential streets and alleys are the last to be plowed.



Remember that the PennDOT is responsible for clearing the many miles of State roads in the Township. Keep in mind that is virtually impossible to keep plowed snow from being deposited in your driveway, but these hints may help minimize the amount of plowed

snow that ends up back in your driveway:

- Always shovel the snow to the RIGHT of your driveway. This will limit the amount of snow that is redirected into your driveway by passing plow trucks.
- Also clearing an area to the left of your driveway with further reduce the amount snow that ends up back in your driveway.
- On-street parking is prohibited in Chartiers Township. This is especially crucial during snow events to allow the roads to be cleared. In addition to your cars, please remove any moveable items from the road way prior to a snow event, such as trash and recycling cans, portable basketball hoops, backstops and soccer nets.
- No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any snow or ice on or immediately next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk or roadway.

Parking on any Township road when you have off street parking is a violation. If you must park on the road, contact the Township for a free permit. Permits will be issued once it is determined that you have NO other OFF road parking available. Permits will not be given just as a matter of convenience. If you are going to have a gathering where you need to have some vehicles parked on the roadway, contact the CTPD to let us know at 724-745-8030 leave contact information as well as the date and times and have the vehicles parked in a manner not to impede traffic. If the officers see a problem, we will contact you to see what arrangements can be made so you can enjoy your event. We urge you to lock your vehicles and not to leave valuable items laying in plain sight.

Every person in charge or control of any building or lot of land fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed or cleared away snow and/or ice a 30 inch path in width. Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain.

Please help keep sidewalks and roadways clear of snow and ice for the safety of the traveling and pedestrian public.

Chartiers Township Recreation Program Registration Form

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

Chartiers Township Volunteer Fire Department Safety Day

Please join us at the fire house on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 from 1:00-5:00 for our annual safety day/open house. This year, as always we will be partnering with the police dept., the local ambulance service and stat medevac, to give the community the opportunity to see inside what we do. We will also have many other guests in attendance. We will have a visit from the Kona ice truck, and this year we will be having a hands on maze for the kids. We hope to see you there!



**Halloween in
Chartiers Township
will be Celebrated on
Monday, October 31ST
from 6-7:30 p.m.**



Fall Leaf Collection

The Township has scheduled curbside leaf collection for the following MONDAYS:

October 24th • October 31st • November 7th
November 14th • November 21st (if necessary)

Please remember that the leaves **MUST** be in biodegradable bags! Non bio-degradable 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. **THANK YOU** for your cooperation in helping to make this program a success!!!!



Rock 'N Scream Halloween Party

Who: 18 and over

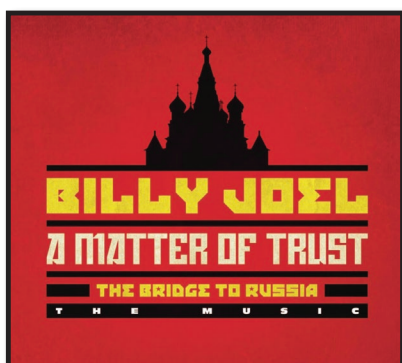
What: Billy Joel, the Bridge to Russia (7 pm) followed by Karaoke at 9 pm. Wear your costume and enjoy a Classic Concert.

When: Friday, October 28,
7 pm – midnight

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$10 (\$15 at the door) includes beer and mixers.

Some food will be sold



Eat, Drink, Paint!

Who: Adults looking for a night out, girls night out or neighborhood activity

What: A night of painting, eating and enjoy your favorite beverage while socializing

When: Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.
October 19, November 16 and
December 14

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$35/ snacks & supplies included.
Bring your favorite Beverage

Chartiers Township Christmas Tree Lighting

Who: Township
Resident Families

What: Enjoy
music, snacks
and a visit from
Santa as we light
up the Township
Christmas Tree



When: Sunday, November 27th
at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Arnold Park and Chartiers
Township Community Center

Fee: **FREE!**



Who: Anyone interested in an enjoyable
and entertaining afternoon

What: *Friends of Chartiers Parks* is
sponsoring this afternoon of entertainment
as the audience becomes part of the pie
auction in this hysterical comedy

When: Sunday, October 30 at 4 p.m.

Where: Chartiers Community Center

Fee: \$25 person with proceeds benefitting
Friends of Chartiers Parks



**If you are interested in
volunteering for any of
the Parks & Recreation
Committees or events,
please contact Bob at the
Community Center at
724-485-2125 or email
bbrozovich@chartierstp.com**



Friends Of The Park News Hot Dog Fridays

Thanks for everyone who helped support our first summer of **HOT DOG FRIDAYS!** With your support the Friends of Chartiers Parks Committee was able to raise monies to purchase grills for the Arnold Park and Allison Parkette pavilions. Each Friday during the summer, members sold the best hot dogs in town, drinks and snacks at Arnold Pavilion to passers by on Pike Street, businesses and residents who decided to enjoy a hot dog every week. Our Bridge Club, seniors and playground participants were among the regulars! Looking forward to more in 2017!

*"Chef" Bill Evans of the Friends of
Chartiers Parks cooks an order of Hot Dogs
during this summer's Hot Dog Fridays*



Vacation and In-service Day Program

Who: Elementary school age boys & girls

What: Recreation on off days during school year. Arts & Crafts, movies, games and on some dates a field trip

When: 7 am - 6 pm; Dates include – Oct. 7, Nov. 11, Nov. 23, 28 & 29, Jan. 16, Feb. 17, March 17, April 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, May 12 & June 8

Where: CTCC

Fee: Daily Fee: \$25/ one child
\$40/ 2 children
\$10 for any each additional child

Children should bring snacks and lunch. Refrigerator on site.

Dates are subject to change due to school calendar



Babysitting Certification

Who: 11-15 year olds

What: Be the best babysitter on the block! Gain the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants.

When: Saturday, Oct. 8th, 9 am - 4:30 pm

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$85 includes a certificate upon completion

Please bring a bag lunch.



Looking for somewhere to walk during inclement weather or the winter months? We will have the community center open Mon. through Fri. from 9 am till 11 am starting Oct. 4th for anyone to walk inside. There may be events or programs from time to time where the building won't be available. Stop in and give it a try!

Highmark Holiday Pops

Who: Come one, come all

What: An afternoon enjoying Christmas music at the Pops with the Pittsburgh Symphony, Mendelson Choir and special guests



When: Sunday, December 18th @ 2:30 pm.
Bus Leaves CTCC @ 1 pm.

Where: Heinz Hall

Fee: \$50

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

Where: Chartiers Township Community Center

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: Community Center

Fee: \$3 (snacks served)



Veteran's Day Luncheon



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

What: Spaghetti, salad, dessert and rolls

When: Friday, November 11th
11:30 am– 1 pm

Where: CTCC

Fee: Free



Youth Floor Hockey

What: Skills, drills and games

Who: Boys and Girls ages 4 thru 5th grade

Where: TBA

When: January, more info to come

Fee: \$45-res.

Provide own sticks, helmet and any other equipment. Everyone gets a t-shirt



Piano Lessons by Noelle Mohr

Who: Kindergarten and up

What: Private Piano Lessons

When: Thursday afternoons

For more information see
www.studionoelle.com.

Our Tree Is Growing

Special Thanks to Legacy Baptist Church, Mary S. Schott, MSW, LCSW and the families of Fern Arnold, Kathryn Arnold, R.S. Arnold, May S. Arnold and William and Wanda Scaers who have recently been memorialized or purchased a leaf on our Legacy Tree.

Sponsorship Levels

- **Mini Tree** - \$5,000
- **Naming Stone** - \$2,500
- **Acorn** - \$1,000
- **Gold Leaf** - \$500
- **Silver Leaf** - \$250
- **Copper Leaf** - \$100

Proceeds benefit Friends of Chartiers Parks



Your 100% tax deductible contribution

Representative Brandon Neuman

On the second & fourth Thursday of every month from 9 am-11 am, State Representative Neuman has a representative 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 receptions, meetings, graduations, showers birthday parties 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!

New Community Center Rates

Banquet Room • Friday - Sunday • Rentals include 1 hr. set-up, 1 hour clean-up

100 or More People

- 8 hours-\$800-res.\$900-non-res;
- 4 hours-\$550-res./\$650 non-res

Less Than 100 People

- 8 hours-\$500-res.; \$650-non-res;
- 4 hours- \$300-res/\$350-non-res



Hourly Rates Monday-Thursday

- 100 or more- \$100/hr.-res /\$125 hr. non-res.
- Less than 100- \$60/hr. res./\$75 hr. non-res
- Conference Room-seats 20-\$20- 2 hours
- Activities Room- seats 35- \$40- 2 hours
- Alcohol Beverage Consumption Fee- \$30
- Additional Rental set up time
- Same day as Rental-\$25/hr
- 4 Hour Day/Evening prior to rental-\$200
- Rental/Security/Cleaning Deposit- \$200
- Kitchen- \$100

Request a Community Center brochure



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 @ 9am

Where: CTCC

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



Big Kid Science OPEN LAB

Who: Children ages 3-12 with an adult

What: It is never too early or late to start STEM education! Join us and other families on the following Friday afternoons for STEM learning and fun.

When: Fridays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11

Where: CTCC



Yoga

Who: Anyone over 12

What: Gentle Yoga

When: Tuesday: 10:15 am
Program is ongoing

NEW Wednesday starting Sept. 21st
@ 10:30 am

Where: CTCC

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



Line Dancing

Who: Anyone wishing to dance, exercise and have fun!

What: Spend time learning new dances and then spend the time doing more , having fun and getting some exercise!

When: Tuesdays, 5:30-7 pm. First half hour reviews dance steps (Program meets weekly)

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$3/class



To register and for more information,
email BigKidSci@gmail.com



Mommy & Me

Who: Preschool Boys and girls

What: An opportunity to bring your preschoolers for some free playtime with other parents. We supply crayons, games, paper and other toys to help keep your kids busy and interact with other kids their own age

Where: CTCC

When: Wed., 10:30 am – noon
Starting Oct. 5

Fee: \$2/session

CTCC doesn't provide supervision

Beginners Line Dancing Workshop

Who: Those wanting to learn line dancing steps

What: Learn steps with others who are being introduced to line dancing

When: Wednesday, September 28,
6-7 p.m. (Program meets weekly)

Where: CTCC

Fee: **FREE**



Movie of the Month

Who: Anyone

What: Monthly showing of a popular recent release

When: 3rd Wednesday of the Month at noon

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$2 for refreshments



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A Message From the Chief of Police

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Unless you dialed, don't provide payment over the phone. If you didn't provide your email address to that organization, assume that email pitches are scams. Don't click on links, which could unleash dangerous malware programs into your computer. Ask door-to-door solicitors to leave some material with you so you can authenticate the organization before donating. Gauge a charity's credibility at give.org, charitynavigator.org or nasconet.org which regulates charities for the state.

Zoning Permits For Fences

A reminder that a Zoning Permit is required for residential fences. A Zoning Permit application can be found on-line at www.chartierstwp.com or at the Municipal Center during normal business hours. There are regulations as to height and type of fence that can be installed. As always, you may contact the Community Development Coordinator with any questions @ 724-745-3415 X 203.



Winter Pollution Prevention Practices

Here are some simple tips that you can do this winter to help prevent 'storm water pollution:'

- Shovel snow first to remove it from paved surfaces, like driveways and sidewalks, before it turns to ice to limit the need for snow melt and deicing products.
- Pile shoveled snow downslope of paved surfaces to help prevent icy and slippery conditions on pavement as snow melts and refreezes.
- Shovel snow onto lawn and vegetated areas where melting snow can soak into the ground.
- Limit the use of deicing chemicals and products on sidewalks and driveways since they can readily flow into

storm drains and streams as ice melts.

- Sweep up after the snow melts: Sweep and dispose of residual sand, grit, and litter to help prevent accumulation in streets and roadside ditches; clogged storm drains and culverts; and sediment pollution in streams.
- Keep gutters and drainage pathways clear and free of debris to prevent snowmelt from backing up and forming ice in places where you want runoff to flow freely.
- Direct, or route, snowmelt runoff into nearby gardens and vegetated areas before applying salt and deicing products

