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Chartiers
Township

NEWSLETTER

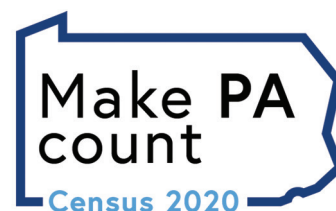
Manager's Message

Welcome to the Fall 2019 Chartiers Township Newsletter. On behalf of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors and Staff, we hope you find the information contained in this semi-annual newsletter helpful. There is lots to do in Chartiers Township this Fall and Winter, so make sure you explore all of the ways to get out and about in our community in the coming months.

I want to take a few lines to keep residents informed about the upcoming 2020 US Census. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, our nation gets just one chance each decade to count its population. The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The data collected by the census determine the number of seats each states has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities. Be on the look out for a questionnaire

from the US Census Bureau in the coming months. Door to door census counting will start in the spring of 2020 for those who didn't respond to the questionnaires. All US Census Takers will have

a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. If you are unsure of a Census Taker's identity or legitimacy, you can always contact the Census Bureau to verify at 800-923-8282. Avoid scams, by remembering that the Census Bureau will never ask for: Your Social Security number, bank account or credit card numbers, money or donations. To learn more about the 2020 Census, you can visit: www.2020census.gov.



Jodi Noble, Township Manager

A Message From the Chief of Police

The county fair has come to a close and schools are open, signaling another summer has come to a close. We're losing daylight and leaves are about to change. Soon focus will shift to weather reports to learn how cold the days will be and how much snow we might expect. This is a good time to check your vehicle's tires, battery, brakes and fluids to avoid becoming stuck or disabled during the cold weather.

Remember that traffic picks up this time of year with the schools open, buses on the road and parents shuttling kids to their various activities. Getting behind a school bus while trying to get to or from work can be incredibly frustrating with their frequent stops, but please be patient and don't forget they are transporting our children. Be sure to give the bus adequate distance, being cognizant its passengers are children who are full of energy and may be distracted when disembarking or running in fear of missing their ride. In addition, it is illegal to pass a school bus when the red lights are activated. The fines are substantial and may result in license suspension.

Once again, it is an ordinance violation to park on the street when off-road parking is readily available in your driveway. Not wanting to get blocked in or having to move a car to let

someone out of the driveway is not adequate reason to park on the street. This is most important in the winter so Public Works can clear Township roads of snow. The fire department needs to get through the narrow streets in the event of fire as well. Also, not only is it a violation to shovel snow into the street, it is a danger to the motoring public.

As we see on the news, the Police Department continues to get reports of scam phone calls almost every day and to list them all would take up too much space. I continue to warn you that if you have caller ID and do not recognize the number displayed, **DO NOT ANSWER!** If you receive a phone call that requires you to pay a fee, fine or donation with any type of gift cards, **IT IS A SCAM.** It can't be repeated enough: No legitimate organization such as the IRS, a court or jail will request payment by phone; nor will they ever accept payment by gift card. The scams are getting more and more elaborate in an effort to scare you. If you do receive a call that requests funds, take all the information they will provide and advise them that you will get back to them once you speak to your local police. Most likely they will hang up. If legitimate, the caller should have no issue with providing this information. Call 911 and a CTPD officer will be more than happy to investigate. The

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Pennsylvania Attorney General encourages you to report these scam phone numbers by following this web link: <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/submit-a-complaint/scams-complaint/>

Finally, if you see something, say something. Call 911 immediately when you see something suspicious in your neighborhood. Never believe that you shouldn't call 911 unless it's a dire emergency. Our Department is small, and there is not always someone in the police station to take your call. If you see anything out of the ordinary, 911 is absolutely the correct number to dial in order to get a prompt response. If you were to call the police station at 9:00 on a Saturday night to report a stranger looking in your neighbor's windows that call likely would not be picked up until 7:00 AM on Monday. Never hesitate to dial 911.

The officers of your Chartiers Township Police Department again thank each and every one of you for your continued support and wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Chief James Horvath



Pavilion Rentals

2020 pavilion rentals at Arnold Park and Allison Parkette will begin **January 2, 2020!**
Rentals are available on a first come, first serve basis and full payment & contract required for finalized bookings

Please call the Parks Department: 724-485-2126

Veterans Breakfast Club

What: The Veteran's Breakfast Club holds veteran storytelling events, all open to the public, and captures and preserves those stories for future generations. Over 30,000 people have attended almost 500 of these events since the program launched in 2008. They come to listen and to learn, to share and to heal, and say thank you to those who've served. All are welcome, you do not need to be a veteran to attend.

Who: **FREE** Breakfast for Veteran's & Attendees

When: Thursday, October 10, 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Where: CTCC Banquet hall

Please RSVP to 412-623-9029 or ellie@veteransbreakfastclub.com

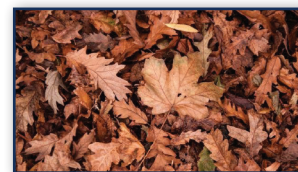


The Township has scheduled curbside Fall Leaf Collection for the following MONDAYS:

October 21st – October 28th – November 4th – November 18th – November 25th (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. Also, never tape your bags shut!

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 or post them as comment because others may have the same questions. **THANK YOU** for your cooperation in helping to make this program a success!





TRUNK OR TREAT



All participants must decorate their trunk & provide treats for the kids.
Call the Parks Dept for questions: 724-485-2126

OCTOBER 20 • 6PM

Community Center Parking Lot
2013 Community Center Drive





Families, bring your car to the upper Community Center Parking Lot and decorate your trunk in your favorite theme. Don't forget your costumes! Kids can walk from trunk to trunk to collect candy.

Elementary Tutoring

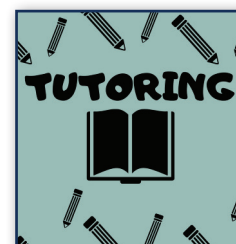
What: There will be tutoring available this fall for any families interested in 1 on 1 sessions in math, science, reading, writing, social studies, & homework/test prep.

When: By appointment Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays, 3:45 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: CTCC, Conference Room

Cost: \$30 per hour

To sign up or learn more please call 724-485-2126 or email parks@chartierstwp.com



Fill a Firetruck

What: Please help fill a firetruck with new and unwrapped toy donations for the less fortunate.

When: December 8, 2019

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



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 19, 9 am - 1 pm

Where: CTCC Conference Room

Cost: \$90 per person

Please register in advance at parks@chartierstwp.com



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CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP

Chartiers Township Light Up Night

What: Join your friends and neighbors for the annual tree lighting at the center in the new gazebo. Kids can visit with Santa in the Community Center and enjoy light refreshments!



When: Sunday, December 1, 2019

Where: Chartiers Township Community Center & Gazebo

Time: 6:30 pm

Cost: *FREE!*



Washington County Monthly Electronics Collection

What: Come recycle your old electronics!

When: October 21, 2019

Where: Chartiers Township Community Center Parking Lot

Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

THIS IS OPEN TO CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY—MUST SHOW VALID ID FOR PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Accepted:

Computer equipment

TV's (1 per car load)

Freon appliances (\$20 each for freon removal)

4 ft & 8ft fluorescent tubes & CFL's (\$2 each)

Damaged or dismantled TV's (\$50 hazardous handling fee)

NOT Accepted:

Vacuum Cleaners

Carpet Scrubbers

Smoke Detectors

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

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. 29, Dec. 2, Jan. 20, Feb. 14, Feb. 17, Mar. 20, Apr. 8-10, Apr. 13-14, & May 8

7:00 am - 6:00 pm (early drop off/late pick up available upon request for additional \$5 fee)

Cost: \$25 per child, per day • \$5 discount per child for siblings • Additional \$10 fee on field trip days

Where: Chartiers Township Community Center



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
parks@chartierstwp.com

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Senior Citizen Programs

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

Monthly Lunches

Who: Seniors

What: Senior Luncheon and Business Meeting

When: Typically 3rd Tuesday of every month at 11 am

Upcoming lunches scheduled for October 15, November 19, December 17

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$9



Photographed:
April 2019 Senior Luncheon Fashion Show Participants



Who: Seniors

When: Tuesday & Friday @ 10:30 am

Where: CTCC

Cost: 20 cents a card



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)



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.

When: Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm

Where: CTCC

Cost: *FREE!*



Veterans Day Luncheon

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

What: Baked ziti, salad, dessert, and rolls

When: Friday, November 8, 2019 11:30 am - 1 pm

Where: CTCC

Cost: *FREE—pre-registration requested—724-485-2126*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—PLEASE CONTACT PARKS@CHARTIERSTWP.COM

Chartiers Township Community Center

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**Let us help you plan your next event!
Weddings, bridal showers, birthdays, graduations,
business meetings, and more! Include our new gazebo in
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Banquet Hall (seats up to 200)
Activity Room (seats up to 25)
Conference Room (seats up to 10)

**The venue you've been
looking for!**

www.chartierstwp.com/community-center



**Hold your wedding ceremony and reception all in one place by renting
our spacious gazebo and 3,500 square foot banquet hall!**

Community Center Recreation Classes

Gentle Yoga

Who: 16 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: Tuesdays 10:15 am & Wednesdays 10:30 am

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: 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesday of every month: 6:15 pm following Chair Yoga

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$5 per person



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

Let us know!

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724-485-2126

Chair Yoga

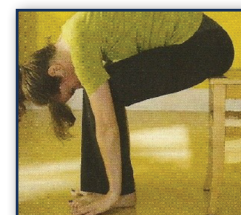
Who: Active teens and adults

What: Chair yoga is a very gentle form of yoga sitting on a chair and using it for support.

When: 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm

Where: CTCC

Cost: \$5 per person



**Monthly Schedule of Events available on township website:
www.chartierstwp.com/community-center**

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 - 6 pm

Where: CTCC

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



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: \$5





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Gazebo & Playground Projects Completed!

Arnold Park welcomed 2 new fixtures this summer—a new playground and gazebo! The playground was dedicated and the ribbon cutting for the gazebo took place during the June 30th Community Day event held in the park. Stop over and see them!

