



March 2021

Chartiers
Township

NEWSLETTER

Manager's Message

On behalf of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors and Staff, we hope you enjoy the Spring 2021 edition of the Chartiers Township Newsletter. We could not publish a newsletter last year with the news changing too rapidly for a semi-annual publication to have any informational value.

We all know that last year was like no other. The pandemic changed the world, including Chartiers Township. We strived to adapt the way we do things with compassion, creativity, resilience, and planning. Throughout the pandemic our goal has been, and will continue to be, to serve the needs of our residents, maintain quality of services, provide efficiencies where possible, all while keeping our residents and employees safe. In the face of financial shortfalls, we adjusted spending on capital projects, which, along with our conservative financial

policies, allowed us to adopt a revenue neutral budget for 2021, holding the line on taxes for the 26th consecutive year while maintaining services. Chartiers Township, its residents, and businesses exemplified the motto "We are all in this together" as so many gave to help others, adjusted and cared. Neighbors helped neighbors and we showed what it means to be a community. As we look back on 2020, we are grateful for the residents, businesses and employees of this Township. As we begin a new year, we are optimistic that things will improve. We are hopeful to get to have our traditional events and gatherings and are planning accordingly. So please plan on participating in the events, classes and programs planned for 2021 when we are able to do so safely. We look forward to getting back together with all of you!

Jodi Noble, Township Manager

A Message From the Chief of Police

We again begin to prepare for another welcomed spring after a rather unusual winter in a rather unusual year. It is now time to get outside to work in the yard, on the house or just take a walk and take in that refreshing spring air. I would ask that during the time you are out be aware of what is going on around your neighborhood. No one knows your area better than you and if there is something or someone out of place, please contact the Police via 911. "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING".

We begin getting more and more people soliciting within the Township at this time of year and do have an ordinance in place to regulate it as much as the law allows. ALL must present a Township permit if requested and we would strongly urge you to request to see it as soon as you are contacted. If the person does not have a permit, please contact 911 so that a Police officer can immediately come into that area and investigate. If the person does have a permit, it is up to you if you would like to hear what they have to say. If you request that they leave and they continue, again contact the Police via 911.



The Department continues to provide Vacation/Home checks. If you are going to be away from your home for an extended period of time, come fill out one of our forms that can be found in the Police Department and municipal lobby. An Officer will check your home once during each shift or three times a day. We would urge all our residents to take advantage of this service, being just another advantage of you having a local Police Department.

Many homes within the Township have integral garages which are outfitted with an electric garage door opener which gives you access into your home with the click of a button. Sometimes we are so dependent on entering our homes this way we fail to carry keys. What do you do if the electric is off or the battery in the opener fails? A key should always be carried or provided to a family member or neighbor for just this type of emergency. They do sell devices such as lock boxes that mount to your home that can securely hold a key if you have no other options. With the summer storms that are certain to roll through our area power outages are sure to take place. Be prepared.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer, and remember to visit the Department on Facebook.

Chief James Horvath

SWIFT REACH 911

Please sign up for our Swift Reach 911 emergency notification system for your home and cell phone numbers. This will notify you of important things happening in the township like road closures, special events, emergencies, and vaccine distribution for COVID19 information as it becomes available.

www.chartierstwp.com/Swiftreach



Township Numbers

Emergency
9-1-1

Township Offices
724-745-3415

Police Department
(non-emergency)
724-745-8030

Community Center
724-485-2126



Pavilion Rentals

Arnold Park and Allison Park each have a pavilion that is available for rent during the year.

Both pavilions seat approximately 100 people.

Cost for pavilion rentals are:

\$85 res/ \$100 non-res for Arnold Park

\$50 res/ \$100 non-res for Allison Park

There is a \$50 security deposit on both pavilions.

Interested parties should contact the Parks Department office at the Community Center—724-485-2126 or parks@chartierstwp.com.

Community Center Recreation Classes

Line Dancing

Who: Ages 16 & up

What: Line dance to Latin, Country, Oldies, and Contemporary music.

When: Wednesdays - 6 pm - 8 pm

Pre-registration required for this class due to COVID, please contact us if you'd like to register, 724-350-6581.

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$30 for 6 sessions or drop in anytime for \$8



CTCC has a monthly calendar available on the Chartiers Township website, on the township Facebook page, and in the building with our current schedule of classes. CDC guidelines for COVID to be followed and classes and activities will be added on an individual basis if guidelines can be met.

www.chartierstwp.com/community-center

Zumba

Who: Adults 18 & older

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

When: Thursdays - 5:30 pm

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$5 per person



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 distressed and refreshed.

When: Tuesdays - 10:15 am; Wednesdays - 10:30 am

Where: CTCC

Fee: \$5 per person



Chartiers Township

2020 Comprehensive Plan Survey Results

In spring of 2019, Chartiers Township included a survey in the Township Newsletter. The purpose of the survey was to collect data and public input for the Township's Comprehensive Plan update.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and input, as well as provide you with some of the responses provided. It is worth noting that the survey responses were very similar to those provided for the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Several themes from the 2009 survey were repeated in the 2019 results. Particularly, the majority of respondents believe the Township should preserve agricultural land, retain the Township's rural feel, preserve the Township's open space, and take advantage of the great transportation facilities in the area (our connections to Interstate 79).

Thank you again for your time and input...we appreciate your voice making our Township a better place for all!

- **Please rank the three most important reasons why you live in Chartiers Township:**

Top Three Answers:

Transportation
Cost of Living
Low Taxes

- **What one type of development would you like to see more of?**

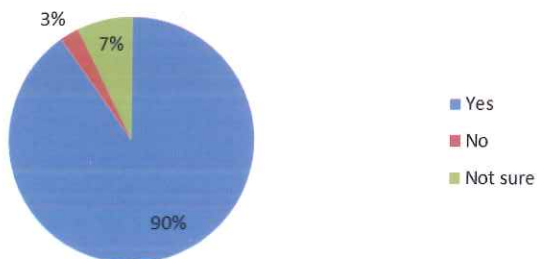
Top Four Answers

Parks and Open Space
No New Development
Casual Restaurants
Assisted Living/Personal Care

- **Should the Township encourage the preservation of farmland?**

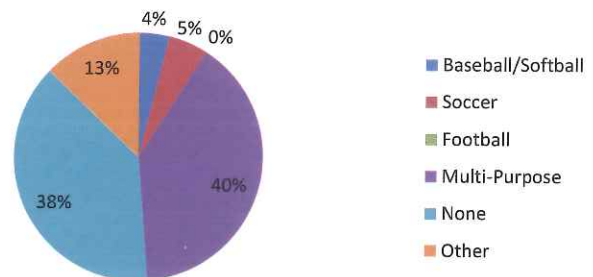
Yes – 90%
No – 3%
Not Sure – 7%

Should the Township encourage the preservation of farmland?



- **What type of recreational fields are needed in Chartiers Township?**

Which of the following fields are needed in Chartiers Township?



- **What three issues are most important to the quality of life for the residents of the Township over the next ten years:**

Top Three Answers

(same exact ranking from 2009)

Retain Rural Nature
(of Chartiers Township)
Zoning to Maintain Property Values
Open Space Preservation

- **If you left Chartiers Township, the reason would be...**

Top Three Answers:

Too Much Development
Other
Retirement Relocation

JOIN US FOR THE 2021 Chartiers Township Community Day

ARNOLD PARK AND CHARTIERS TWP
COMMUNITY CENTER
SUNDAY, JUNE 27 - 6PM

Join us for *Celebrate Chartiers Day* June 27th as we look forward to having you join us for food, games, music and fireworks. This year's event will include music by *Blended Reality* and Zambelli Fireworks will cap off the evening once again with a spectacular show!

Chartiers Township Community Center

parks@chartierstwp.com • 2013 Community Center Dr, Houston, PA 15342 • 724-485-2126

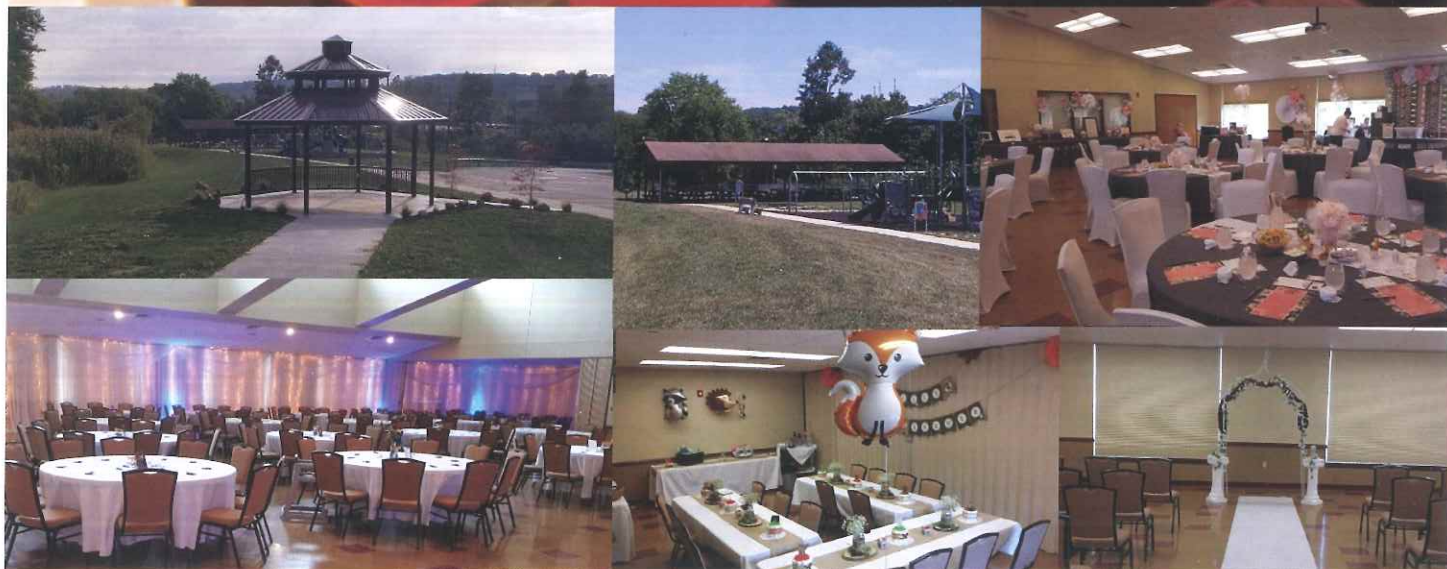
Let us help you plan your next event!

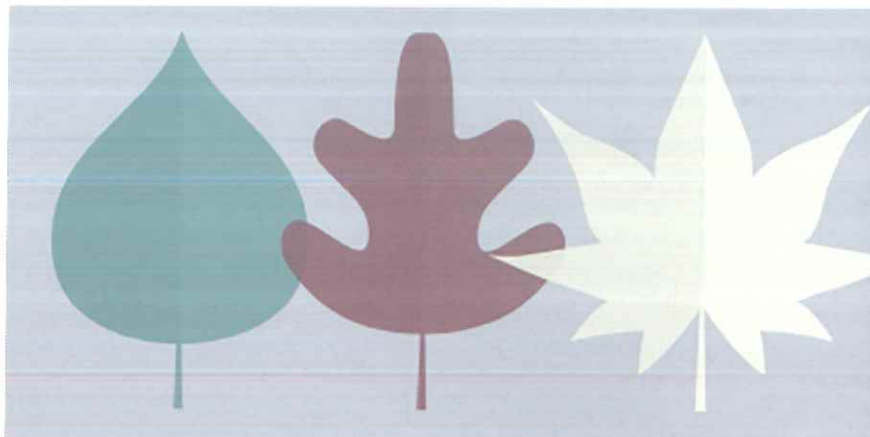
Weddings, bridal showers, birthdays, graduations, business meetings, and more! Include our new gazebo in your next party or ask about our pavilion rentals.

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





SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

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, and more.

Where: Arnold Park Pavilion

When: June 7th through August 13th
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

(early drop off/late pick up available at additional cost 7:00 am - 6:00 pm)

Weekly Cost: 4-5 Days/week
1 child - \$145; 2 children - \$240;
3+ children - \$330

Weekly Cost: 2-3 Days/week
1 child - \$95; 2 children - \$150;
3+ children - \$195

There will be an additional \$10 field trip fee and \$5-\$10 early drop off/late pickup per child

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

**THERE WILL BE
A MANDATORY
PARENTS MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th
AT 6:00 PM OR attend the
same meeting via Zoom
THURSDAY, MAY 27th AT
7:00 PM.**

**If you'd like to register online please go to
www.chartierstwp.com/parks-and-recreation/chartiers-playground-program/
or give us a call if you'd like to learn more: 724-350-6581.**



Summer Playground Employment

We are accepting applications for summer employment at the Summer Playground program. The department is looking for part time camp counselors. Background check, clearances, and drug screening required. Great summer job for college students in education!

For a complete qualifications list for each position: chartierstwp.com/positions-available/

Please send application & resume to
parks@chartierstwp.com or 2013 Community Center Drive, Houston, PA 15342

Washington County Electronics Collection

What: Bring your old electronic computer parts and TV waste to the permanent electronic recycling facility in Ellsworth, PA.

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

April 13, 27 • May 11, 25 • June 8, 22 • July 13, 27 • August 10, 24
September 7, 21 • October 12, 26 • November 9, 23 • December 14, 28

Where: JVS Environmental—1 American Way, Ellsworth, PA 15331

Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm



Accepted:

Computer Equipment

(Monitors, Computer Towers, Mice, Keyboards, Speakers, Laptops)

TV's

Participants are asked to unload their own materials to ensure social distancing is occurring. Staff will be available to assist disabled and elderly participants. Please call 814-442-4481 to pre-register for large loads of 10 or more items.

Help to Keep Our Waterways Clean

Thousands of feet of storm sewer pipes and swales are located throughout Chartiers Township to convey and control stormwater runoff. Much of this storm water infrastructure is located below the ground surface and so we don't think about our above ground actions impacting it. However, storm runoff that enters the storm sewer eventually will be conveyed to a surface stream or the ground water system. The quality of this storm runoff needs to be protected, as we may use it for recreation such as swimming in a downstream location, or for consumption in our homes when it is withdrawn using ground water wells.

You can do your part to keep the storm sewer system clean by implementing the following practices:

- Collect used engine fluids and recycle.
- Repair drip leaks from vehicles as soon as you discover them. These leaks typically leave their mark on paved areas; water runoff will carry them to storm systems.
- Never dump used cleaning and household products or engine fluids into a storm drain or a drain that flows to a basement sump pump.
- Never dump used cleaning and household products or engine fluids on the ground surface.
- Use garden and lawn care products like fertilizers and pesticides in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Clean up and dispose of pet waste properly, ensuring it doesn't make its way into the storm sewer collection system.



Tax Collection Changes

Please be advised, effective January 4, 2021, Jordan Tax Service, Inc. was appointed the Deputy Tax Collector for the Township of Chartiers. All 2021 Township and School Real Estate Tax payments shall be mailed to their office; an envelope will be provided with your tax statement unless your mortgage company is set up to receive your tax bills. Township tax bills will be mailed March 1st and due by April 30th at discount. Jordan Tax Service will hold office hours at the Township at the beginning and end of the discount period. Please see specific dates and times below. Please contact them for any real estate tax related business. Receipts or other information can be requested by phone or email to the information listed below.

Hours: Monday-Friday
(8:00 am to 4:30 pm)
Email: chris@jordantax.com

JORDAN TAX SERVICE, INC

102 Rahway Road
McMurray, PA 15317
Phone: 724-731-2311

**DISCOUNT PERIOD OFFICE HOURS LOCATED AT THE
CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM
2 BUCCANEER DRIVE, HOUSTON, PA 15342**

March 3, 2021: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
March 5, 2021: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
April 23, 2021: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
April 27, 2021: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
April 30, 2021: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Emergency Response Special Needs Registry

We are asking any residents with disabilities or special needs to PLEASE register with Chartiers Township Emergency Management. Knowing who the individuals are in our community with special needs and where they are located, can help save lives in an emergency. We are asking those individuals with disabilities and/or special needs to register with the Township so that our first responders can be prepared to better assist these individuals in the event of an emergency. Therefore, if you have a disability or impairment that will inhibit you from being able to self- evacuate in the event of an emergency, PLEASE notify the Township of: Your Name, Address, Disability/impairment, Phone #, and email address. All personal information will be kept confidential and will ONLY be utilized to help our first responders provide you the assistance you need in the event of an emergency. You can email the information to: jhorvath@chartierstwp.com or complete the Emergency Special Needs Registration Form on our website and Facebook Page. PLEASE take a few minutes to allow us to better serve those of you in need of additional assistance in the event of an emergency and register today.





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Houston, PA 15342
Supervisors

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Spring Clean-Up: May 17 — May 21

Chartiers Township is offering a week long waste collection effort again this spring! Curbside collection will occur the week of **May 17th – May 21st**. There is a schedule of Township Streets and day for collection along with a color coded map on the Township website and Facebook page for reference. Please note that generally, the hauler will progress across the Township from east to west.

The following items **WILL NOT** be picked up:

- Auto tires
- Automobile parts
- Dirt, bricks, stones and concrete
- Refrigerators, air conditions units and appliances which have not been certified for removal of chlorofluorocarbons.
- Cans exceeding in 40 lbs.
- Carpet not cut- (must be bundled and tied in 4' lengths)
- Paint-liquid
- E-Waste material: electronic devices, TVs, computers, printers, etc.

(Colors on map move from East to Northwest)

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| ■ Pink - Monday | ■ Green - Tuesday |
| ■ Blue - Wednesday | ■ Orange - Thursday |
| ■ Purple - Friday | |

