



THE ECHATTER

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Chartley Homeowners Association

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March 2022

President's Message

This month, I am noting some changes that are coming in April. At our April General Meeting on April 21st two new officers will be elected. Their bio's will be presented in the printed April Chatter. Also at that meeting, there will be a vote on a bylaw change impacting the qualification for membership as it focuses on residency instead of ownership of the homes. An accompanying change would be a change in the name of the organization. There is a poll on our website to get your feelings about the changes. **Read about them later in this issue and take a minute to participate in the poll.** Please plan to attend the meeting on Zoom.

Baltimore County is reviving the Curbside Bulk Trash Removal service. April 7 is the first pickup in our area. You should have received information about it from the county in the mail with the year's trash and recycling schedule. Beginning April 1st, yard waste must be in paper bags not plastic. There will be a representative from the **Baltimore County Solid Waste Department** at the General Meeting to go over these items and answer questions.

The news the past few weeks has been heart wrenching and sometimes inspiring. With my wife, a daughter and three granddaughters, we took a hike through the **Franklin Woodland Trail**. It was a great escape. A game of freeze tag in the clearing, gathering sticks in a basket and breathing in the cool fresh air were cathartic. We even ran into friends we haven't seen in over a year enjoying the trail, some for the first time. I highly recommend it. Let's all hope for peace to come soon.

Joe
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Proposed Membership Bylaw Change

The Board is proposing a change to the Membership bylaw that would allow non-homeowners and previous Chartley residents to become members. The change would be as follows:

Current:

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Association shall be open to any adult individual(s) 18 years of age or older, **owning** a home within the bounds of Chartley as defined. Chartley's boundaries are set out in a plat entitled "Chartley" which is duly recorded in the land Records of Baltimore County.

Proposed:

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Association shall be open to any adult individual(s) 18 years of age or older, **currently or previously residing in** a home within the bounds of Chartley as defined. Chartley's boundaries are set out in a plat entitled "Chartley" which is duly recorded in the land Records of Baltimore County.

There are reasons to make the change at this time.

- There are currently non-owners making their homes in Chartley.
- Home prices and projected rising interest rates are forcing some younger home buyers to rent or rent with an option to buy.
- Having a safe and attractive community is in their best interest. Maybe some of them will choose to become members and contribute to the community in this way.
- Previous residents who have moved out of

Chartley have expressed a desire to remain members. They are generally people who were active members who made friends and enjoyed lending their time and talents to the neighborhood and would like to continue the relationship.

- The additional dues would help funding for activities and scholarships

Opening memberships to more than just homeowners, the organization name doesn't represent the diversity of the members. Therefore, the Board is suggesting registering a trade name of "**Chartley Neighborhood Association**" which we feel would be more inclusive. Our official registered business name would remain Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc. with our trade name being our doing business name. An example would be the legal business name of Wal-Mart, Inc with a trade name of Walmart.

Another advantage would be that it would separate us from the traditional HOA which are mandatory, have high dues and covenants. Chartley adheres to Baltimore County codes and has a process in place to report complaints and violations to the county code enforcement.

The bylaws change will be brought to a membership vote at the April General Meeting on April 21, 2022.

Dining at Reter's

It is with regret that we announce that DINING at RETER'S **has been cancelled** for 2022. It is hoped that this popular community event can return next year.

CHA Scholarships

Each year, the Chartley Homeowners Association offers two scholarships to graduating high school seniors from the Chartley community. The Joseph S. Molinaro and the Phyllis Daly Memorial Scholarships each provide a deserving graduate a cash award of \$1,000.

To be eligible for a Chartley Scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Parents/legal guardians of the applicant must be

homeowners in the Chartley community and the applicant must reside in the Chartley community.

2. The applicant's household must be a current dues-paying member of the Chartley Homeowners Association on or before December 1, 2021.
3. The applicant must be a senior in high school (Franklin, Owings Mills, Baltimore County magnet, private, home school).

For further information, go to <http://www.chartleyhomeowners.org/scholarships.html>

Clean Our Stream

Join your neighbors and CHA to clean the "**Chartley Stream**" on **Saturday, April 2nd** from 9

am to noon. We meet at the bridge on Sacred Heart Lane, between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road. Everyone is invited. No specific skills are required and on the job training is provided.



Don't forget to wear hard soled shoes or boots and clothing suitable for the weather. Gloves will be provided. For detailed information call **Ernie** at **410-833-0262** or email him at erschmidhauser@comcast.net.

When it rains storm water carries whatever is in our streets and lawns down the surface drains into the Gwynns Falls Watershed and empties into the Baltimore Harbor and the Chesapeake Bay. Dissolved nutrients in the water lead to algae blooms and fish kills; while plastic debris cause unsightly beaches and sea animal deaths.

Stretch your legs and get some exercise while you help clean our stream. Picking up litter and debris will remove an eyesore from our community and help clean up the Chesapeake Bay. If you know a student, remind them that cleaning our stream will provide them service credits required for graduation.

"Springtime is the land awakening.
The March winds are the morning yawn."

— Lewis Grizzard

CHA 2022 Yard Sale

Are you starting to get ready? Spring and our Annual Spring Yard Sale are fast approaching. Now is the time to start taking inventory of those things you no longer want or need and to make some money by getting rid of them by participating in this great event.

This year's spring yard sale is scheduled on two successive weekends to give residents who wish to participate the opportunity to get rid of things they no longer want or need. Once again, we are partnering with **Country Club Estates Community Association** to bring this event to BOTH communities. A two-community event such as this usually draws more potential buyers than a single community event, and, we have found that being able to publish the locations of participants helps to increase the number of shoppers.

This year's Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for the following two dates:

- **Saturday, May 14, 2022**
- **Saturday, May 21, 2022**

TO PRE-REGISTER

We are asking all who wish to participate to pre-register by going to www.countryclubestatesreisterstown.org and completing the Registration form found there. Registration is quick and easy, and will allow us to advertise your location to potential buyers to help them find you on the day of the event. Please note that we will **NOT** publish your name, phone, or email address – only your location and the types of items you wish to sell.

What you need to do

If you wish to participate, all have to do is clean out your unused or unwanted items, move them out in front of your house and begin collecting the money. **The event will start at 8:00 am on both Saturdays and last until each participant decides to call it quits.**

So, start planning now! Mark the dates above on your calendar and please remember to go to the pre-registration site and fill out the information requested. Residents who have pre-registered for previous yard sales have told us that pre-registering brought more potential buyers to their location than when they did not pre-register for past yard sales.

Please contact Dave Powers at davidlpowers@verizon.net or at **410-833-3734** if you have any questions.

Crime In Chartley

March 2022

Congratulations Chartley! No crimes were reported by Chartley residents during February! That is a milestone that we have only seen on a very few occasions in the past, and it is one that we certainly need to maintain. In fact, **Captain Buckingham, Commanding Officer, Precinct 3**, reports that, from a crime perspective, things were relatively quiet throughout the entire precinct during February.

Unfortunately, however, during the February **Police Community Relations Council (PCRC)** meeting, the captain noted that vehicles had been stolen from Glyndon and from the area of BonBon Court in Reisterstown. The vehicles from BonBon Court were recovered. The captain said that several of the stolen vehicles were taken during what started out to be a thief entering an unlocked vehicle and then finding a set of car keys inside, as always, we strongly encourage everyone to **LOCK IT UP, EACH TIME, EVERY TIME...AND THEN DOUBLE CHECK TO MAKE SURE IT IS LOCKED!**

Captain Buckingham also said that there has been an increase in incidents such as fights involving students at both Franklin Senior High School and also at Newtown High School at dismissal times. He stated that the police are working with the Principals and the School Resource Officers at these schools to address the situation.

Now that the days are getting longer, and as the weather gets warmer, we can expect to see an increase in deception burglaries which are situations where people pretend to be sales people, utility workers, county inspectors, tree trimmers, representatives of utility companies, or even government officials, and who use every ploy to deceive victims in any way they can. In fact, we have already seen a number of reports on social media where individuals claiming to be from BGE demand to see the resident's BGE bill for a number of different reasons. As a reminder, **never provide any personal or billing information to anyone who may knock on your door or to anyone who may call you or send you an email asking you for any billing or personal information.** If this should happen to you, refuse to comply and then call 911. Remember, **if in doubt, let the police check it out!** After that, look up the phone number of the company these people claim to represent (**do NOT use any phone**

number or email link provided by the person knocking or your door or calling you, or that is contained in a text or email) and then call that company to report the situation.

As spring approaches and the weather gets warmer, we encourage everyone to perform a safety and security check of your homes, sheds, vehicles, and habits of family members within your households. The purpose of these checks should be to make sure that you are doing everything to ensure that you or your family members do not become a crime victim. In that regard, we again encourage you to include the following Crime Prevention Tips when you perform your checks:

- **Lock it up, each time, every time.**
- **Keep the outside of your house illuminated after dark.**
- **Strongly consider the installation of home security cameras around your property.**
- **Never leave your vehicle running unattended.**
- **Never leave valuables in your vehicles.**
- **Never leave the keys to any property inside your vehicle.**
- **Be aware of your surroundings wherever you are, particularly when you are outside or shopping after dark.**
- **NEVER, EVER, FOR ANY REASON, GIVE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION WHATSOEVER TO ANYONE UNTIL YOU HAVE VERIFIED THE SOURCE FIRST**
- **If you see something, say something! Call 911 each time, every time.**

Remember that if you don't call 911, there will not be a police response... no response...no police follow up to prevent further crimes...**MAKE THAT CALL, EACH TIME, EVERY TIME.** And call 911 even if you do make a mistake and the criminals take advantage of you. Never be too embarrassed to make that call. You could be helping someone else by allowing the police to start closing the ring on the criminals. **MAKE THAT CALL!**

Squeegee Kids' Observed In Reisterstown

In a recent meeting with the Commanding Officer of our Precinct, we were informed that so called 'Squeegee Kids' had been observed in the Reisterstown area.

The police advise that if you encounter these 'kids' that you should not try to engage with them, but to

report the situation by calling 911. A police officer will be dispatched to investigate. If possible, try to provide a description of the individuals, and their location. The police advise that so far all of these 'squeegee kids' are from other areas outside of Reisterstown.

Paper Shredding

The Kiwanis Club of Reisterstown will hold its annual **FREE Paper Shredding on Saturday, April 23**, in the Cherry Valley Shopping Center from 8 am to 11 am. There is **NO LIMIT** on the amount of paper that you may bring to the shredding event.

Upon arrival your paper will be placed in a wheeled container and automatically raised and dumped into the shredding machine. All shredding takes place in an enclosed machine on the truck and is not touched by human hands after it is placed in the wheeled container. You may watch the process from your parked vehicle.

BCPS Service-Learning Program

Baltimore County Public Schools has designed a service-learning program that requires all students to earn 75 hours credit to meet the state graduation requirement. The county plan includes classroom-initiated projects in middle and high school, school-wide service projects throughout the school year, and student service in the community. The plan assures structured preparation, action, and reflection experience for all students and supports civic involvement activities.

Service projects outside of school must meet a community need related to education, environment, human needs or public safety. Nonprofit organizations such as the **Chartley Homeowners Association** qualify to verify the volunteer hours worked by the student. Activities such the **Stream Clean on Saturday, April 2nd**, and **National Night Out on Tuesday evening, August 2nd** offer students an opportunity to earn required hours.

Students should contact their school counselor to obtain the **Pre-Approval and Hours Verification** forms.

Unruly Social Gatherings

In July 2021, the Baltimore County Council approved legislation entitled ‘**Social Host-Unruly Social Gatherings.**’ This legislation targets unruly social gatherings such as excessively loud parties that are held either in a private residence or in rental locations within a residential neighborhood. Although there are no parameters in this new legislation that requires that the volume of music be reduced at a certain time at night, or that noise or music cannot exceed a specified decibel level, it does allow for a police officer responding to a complaint of a “loud party” to issue a civil citation or warning if he/she determines that an unruly social gathering exists in violation of this new legislation. Both the resident owner, or tenants and their landlords of rental properties, would be on the hook if the investigating police officer determines that the gathering at the reported location is boisterous, disruptive, disorderly, or wild.

On the first violation, the resident owner, tenant and landlord, could receive either a warning or possibly a \$500 civil penalty. If there is a second violation within two years of the first offense, the violators are hit with **at least** another \$500 fine. If the issue persists, the offenders may be required to pay a fine of \$1,000, and if the offender is a landlord, he/she may lose their rental license.

As the name “Unruly Social Gatherings” indicates, this new ordinance is **ONLY** designed to address gatherings that become rowdy, disorderly, or that disrupt the normal activities of neighboring residents such as music or noise being so loud that neighbors are unable to sleep. It is **NOT** intended to address those situations where the music or noise can be heard but does not interfere with other neighbors (e.g., a cookout in a resident’s yard that does not extend into a late-night event with excessive noise).

Over the years, only a few unruly social gatherings have been reported in our community. The vast majority of these were quickly resolved when a neighbor approached the ‘offending’ resident and asked them to reduce the noise level. In the long run, maintaining good neighborly relations is always the best practice.

However, in those situations where the ‘offending’ resident does not reduce the noise level at a reasonable hour or the gathering has become “unruly,” simply report the situation by calling 911.

The Social Host-Unruly Social Gatherings bill can be found at:

<https://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/CountyCouncil/bills%202021/b06021.pdf>.

Reisterstown Main Street

First Saturday of each month volunteers join together 9am at the parking lot in front of **Reter’s Crab House and Grill** to pick up trash along Main Street from Chartley Drive up to the Royal Farms store as 140 turns toward Westminster. April 2nd will be a double header event. It is also **Clean Stream Day** so please lend a hand to either event and keep our community clean.

Second Saturday of each month join **Jeanne Andrews** and her volunteers to make the **Franklin Woodland Trails** a great place to walk with family and friends. The group meets at the bridge that joins the library parking lot and RUMC parking lot.

Main Street Events return allowing friends and families to celebrate together!!

Saturday, April 9th RIA joins RUMC for activities including their yearly Easter Egg Hunt, moon bounces, crafts and more. RIA will bring the Easter Bunny to Main Street for family fun.



Bloomin’ ArtFest

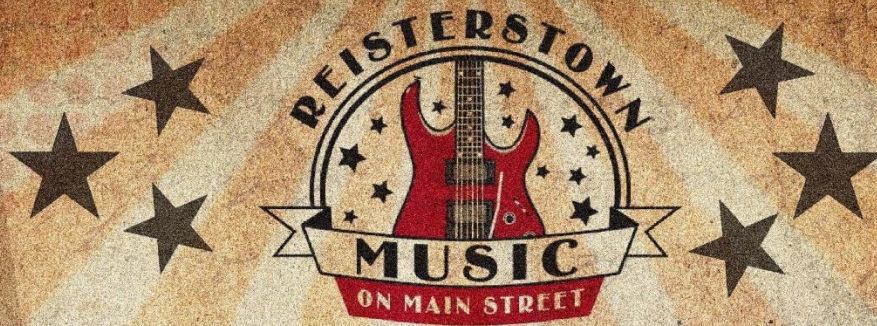
Mark your calendar for Bloomin’ ArtFest at the Franklin Middle School **Saturday, May 7th** from 10 am – 5 pm. Do you make crafts? Register online on the Vendors tab of www.bloominartfest.com Come with family and friends to find that special and unique Mother’s Day gift and enjoy listening to music as you browse through the various booths.



Farmers Market

The Farmers Market will open **Sunday June 5th and each Sunday after until October 30th** from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Items feature local produce, flowers, meats and eggs, coffee, baked goods and more! Farm to table is the best eating for you.





FOOD VENDORS FREE CONCERTS FAMILY FUN

FRIDAY NIGHTS 6:30-9:30PM

SUMMER 2022 CONCERT SCHEDULE

- 6.24 SAGAMORE BAND**
- 7.1 EXPERIENCE**
- 7.8 SONS OF PIRATES**
- 7.15 THE MAGICAL MYSTERY GIRLS**
- 7.22 CRUSH**
- 7.29 DON'T STOP**
- 8.5 BOOTLEG BAND**
- 8.12 JOSH CHRISTINA BAND**
- 8.19 RICK OLAGUER & THE POST**
- 8.26 DIFFERENT SISTERS**

Franklin Middle School, Main St. and Cockeys Mill Rd.
Reisterstown MD. www.Reisterstown.com

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CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY

February 23, 2022 5:08 PM

The Baltimore County Police Department needs people to serve as school crossing guards. If you have been thinking of a way to become more involved in your community while getting paid to do so, this is the time to act. Parents, grandparents, college students or anyone who wants to help ensure the safety of children to and from school are encouraged to apply.

- The pay is \$13.97 per hour and the time commitment is only two hours daily, Monday through Friday.
- When schools have off due to inclement weather, so do you, without loss of pay.
- You incur paid leave as you gain years of experience.
- You may receive paid national and state holidays from September through June.
- Equipment and uniforms are free of charge.



Those wishing to [apply](#) to the Baltimore County Police Department for the position of crossing guard need to be at least 18 years old.

All applicants will undergo a background check, including fingerprinting and a medical screening.

This is the perfect part-time job for stay-at-home parents, retirees and those with a little extra time in the morning and afternoon. The best part of the job is the satisfaction of knowing that you play a major role in keeping the children in your neighborhood safe in their travels.

Additional information about the [School Guard Team](#) and how to apply to become a Baltimore County crossing guard are available [online](#).

CHA 2022 Calendar of Events

Project	Location	Date	Time
Project Clean Stream	Sacred Heart Lane, between Chartley Drive and High meadow Road	Saturday, April 2, 2022	9:00 am to Noon
County Bulk Trash Removal	Residence – Curb Side	Friday, April 9, 2022	
CHA General Meeting	Zoom Meeting	Thursday, April 21, 2022	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Kiwanis Shredding Day	Cherryvale Shopping Center	Saturday, April 23, 2022	8:00 am to 11:00 am
Dining At Reter's	Reter's Crab House & Grill	Wednesday, April 27, 2022 Cancelled	
Bloomin' Artfest Booth	Franklin Middle School	Saturday, May 7, 2022	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
CHA Yard Sale	Residents Yards	Saturday, May 14, 2022 and Saturday, May 21, 2022	8:00 am to Residents Discretion
PCRC Family Outing	Franklin Precinct	Saturday, June 4 or 11, 2022	Not Open to the Public
National Night Out	Chartley Park Shopping Center	Tuesday, August 2, 2022	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Reisterstown Festival Parade	Main St. to Hannah More	Saturday, September 10, 2022	9:00 am
Reisterstown Festival	Hannah More Regional Park	September 10, 2022 and September 11, 2022	11:00 am to 10:00 pm 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
County Bulk Trash Removal	Residence – Curb Side	Friday, September 30, 2022	
CHA Crab Feast	American Legion Post 116 1090 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, MD	Saturday, October 15, 2022	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
CHA General Meeting	To Be Determined	October 27, 2022	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

During the COVID-19 pandemic, CHA Executive Board Meetings are being held as Zoom Meetings the second Tuesday of each month (except December). All are welcome to participate. Email presidentofcha@gmail.com to get the login information.