



THE ECHATTER

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President's Message

The CHA board and committee chairs are always looking for improvements to better serve the Chartley community. In just about every Chatter and eChatter there are requests for ideas or suggestions that would make living here better for everyone.

One area in particular is memberships. You have probably seen the orange yard signs encouraging people to join. We recognized that many residents, particularly younger ones, would prefer to pay their annual dues with a credit card online than write a check. So, we added an online payment option to the website.

We also realize that with the changing economy and the current price of buying a home, people are priced out and forced to rent or rent with the option to buy. There are people, families renting homes in Chartley. Based on our bylaws, these neighbors do not qualify for membership. They, like all of us, benefit from the things we do. Hopefully, if given the option, they would join and become active volunteering their time and talent and sharing ideas. The \$10 dues does not seem like much but with each new member it adds to the funds we have to spend on bettering the community. We are a non-profit, so the money is used to be put back into improvements, scholarships, and events.

There have also been residents who have moved out of Chartley for various reasons who would like to remain a member. They had been active in the group and would like to continue the relationship.

The Board has studied the situation and proposed a rewording of one bylaw to accomplish this. There are a few other changes that would present us as a more inclusive neighborhood. Please read the details in this issue and take the poll on our website. The change will

be voted on by the membership at our **General Meeting on April 21, 2022**. I hope you will attend.

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 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 reports 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.

To gauge the members' feelings on these changes, please participate in the online poll on our website, www.chartleyhomeowners.org. There will also be a link to the poll from our Facebook page. Comments can also be sent to presidentofcha@gmail.com.

"If you can't fly, then run. if you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but by all means, keep moving."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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>

CHA 2022 Yard Sale

Yea!!! Spring is just about five weeks away and it looks like that most of the COVID restrictions are finally being lifted, so everyone is hoping that we can get back to a bit of normalcy in our lives. That also means that we can finally do some REAL spring cleaning and get rid of some things that we no longer need or want. Did someone say YARD SALE?



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 number, 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 form. 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.

Crime In Chartley

Chartley residents reported four crimes during January. Three of these were non-domestic assaults and the fourth was a theft. Two of the three non-domestic assaults took place in the 200 Block of Highmeadow Road, while the third was reported on Walgrove Road. Once again, we would like to remind everyone to always be aware of your surroundings wherever you may be, but particularly when in shopping centers or when using ATM machines. The theft was reported in the 100 Block of Walgrove Road.

During the January meeting of the Police Public Relations Council, Captain Buckingham stated that the police are experiencing an increase in the theft of vehicles that are left unattended while being warmed up due to the cold weather. Leaving a vehicle running unattended gives criminals a golden opportunity to take advantage. In addition to losing their vehicle, leaving a vehicle running while unattended is considered a crime and can result in a \$70 fine. Most vehicles today will warm up very quickly when they are driven, but will take considerably longer if they are being warmed up in someone's driveway. So, why take the chance? Don't give the criminal element the opportunity to spoil your day.

Theft from unlocked vehicles continues to be a concern throughout the Precinct, although none were reported in Chartley during January. In addition to taking valuables and loose change from these unlocked vehicles, some instances were noted where the thief also stole the vehicle because a spare set of keys to the vehicle were left in the console or glove box. Never leave keys to any vehicle, house, or shed inside any vehicle.

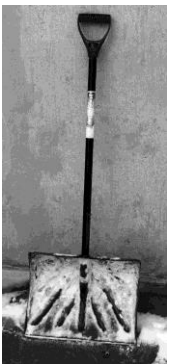
Captain Buckingham also asked everyone to take appropriate measures to properly safeguard any packages that you expect to be delivered to your home. Those protective measures may involve having the package delivered to a trusted neighbor who will be home when the package is delivered, or to have that neighbor pick up the package from your front porch when it is delivered. Residents may also want to consider other options such as a secure carrier drop box for the delivery of packages to deter theft. The Captain also said that the use of outside video cameras such as doorbell cameras has greatly aided the police in catching these so called 'porch pirates' as well as in helping them solve other types of crimes as well.

The police have also noted an increase in the theft of utility trucks, larger trucks or other heavier duty vehicles which may be used in the theft of ATM machines that seems to be spreading throughout Baltimore City and County.

With crime continuing to spread nationwide, it is important that each of us take every precaution NOW to avoid becoming a crime victim or having our loved ones become a victim. Once again, we urge everyone to adopt the following Crime Prevention Tips. And pass them along to friends and relatives...these tips work!

- 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!

Removal Of Snow and Ice



Within **24 hours** after the fall of any snow, each person occupying a residential building shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, the snow or ice from the foot pavements fronting streets in the county.

In removing or clearing the snow or ice, the person may not:

- Obstruct the passage of water in gutters along the street; or
 - Throw the snow on the paved portion of the street.
- If the person does not remove and clear the snow or ice, the county may do so at the expense of the person.
- In addition to the other remedies provided in this section (Baltimore County Code 18-3-107), a person

who fails to comply is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine for each failure and an additional fine for each day the obstruction continues.

“§ 18-3-107. REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

- Required. Within 24 hours after the fall of any snow, each person or public institution occupying or using a residential, commercial, or industrial building in any manner or for any purpose shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, the snow from the pavements fronting the respective houses, stores, shops, stables, houses of worship, lots occupied by any buildings, unoccupied buildings, and unoccupied lots that run along streets in the county.
- Manner of removal. In removing or clearing the snow, the person may not:
 - Obstruct the passage of water in gutters along the street; or
 - Throw the snow on the paved portion of the street.
- County may remove. If the person required to remove and clear snow under this section does not remove and clear the snow, the county may do so at the expense of the person.
- Expense a lien.
 - If the person does not pay the expense incurred by the county for snow removal under this section, the expense shall be a lien on the property in the same manner as taxes, and shall be collected in the same manner provided by law for the collection of taxes.
 - Charges and assessments imposed under this subsection are benefit charges and may not exceed a reasonable estimate of the special benefit conferred on the property.
- Removal of ice. The person required to remove and clear snow also shall keep ice and every type of obstruction out of the gutters leading to and off the pavements or sidewalks located in front or at the rear or sides of the same buildings.
- Penalty. In addition to the other remedies provided in this section, a person who fails to comply with this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$25 for each failure and an additional \$25 for each day the obstruction continues.(1988 Code, § 31-8) (Bill No. 3, 1990, § 2; Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004)

CHA 2022 Calendar of Events

Project	Location	Date	Time
Project Clean Stream	Sacred Heart Lane, between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road	Saturday, April 2, 2022	9:00 am to Noon
County Bulk Trash Removal	Residence – Curb Side	Friday, April; 9, 2022	
Kiwanis Shredding Day	Cherryvale Shopping Center	Saturday, April 16, 2022	8:00 am to 11:00 am
CHA General Meeting	To Be Determined	Thursday, April 21, 2022	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Dining At Reter's	Reter's Crab House & Grill	Wednesday, April 27, 2022	Noon to 8:00 pm
Bloomin' Artfest Booth	Franklin Middle School	Saturday, May 7, 2022	
CHA Yard Sale	Residents Yards	Saturday, May 14, 2022 Saturday, May 21, 2022	8:00 am to Residents Discretion.
PCRC Family Outing	Franklin Precinct	Saturday, June 4 or 11, 2022	
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 2022	
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.

Main Street –Reisterstown

Before long warm days will be here and strolling on Main Street will be a welcome time. Each month volunteers gather to make your Main Street clean and clear of trash. Come join us on the 1st Saturday of each month, 9am we meet at the Landmark Shopping Center (Reter’s parking lot) to start. See you March 5th!

Franklin Woodland Trails

Volunteers also gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month to prepare the Franklin Woodland Trails to walk and gather, read the stories along the trail or stop at the children’s section to use the See Saw. We can always use volunteers for spreading mulch to define the walking trail. See all interested in helping March 12th!



Coming Soon to Main Street!

Street planning meetings are underway to bring back the many Favorite events that were postponed due the pandemic. It will be wonderful for the community to gather with friends and family at the **Reisterstown Bloomin’ ArtFest** (May 7th), **Music on Main Street** Friday night concerts starting June 24th and Sunday

Reisterstown Farmers Markets from June through November. If you would like to help, stop at the Welcome Center at 202 Main Street (open on the weekends) and let us know. Come enjoy!

The Sykes Toy Project



The Sykes Toy Project needs gently used toys to give to those in need. Help us in our mission by donating your kid’s old toys to us. To schedule a drop-off/pick-up, message us on Facebook@Sykes Toy Project or email Tionni Phelps at tionni.phelps@gmail.com!



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- Applicants must successfully complete employment background check, medical exam, and drug screening

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<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/baltimorecounty/jobs/2514946/school-crossing-guard-non-merit>