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May 2022

# President's Message

I would like to thank all those who joined last month's General Meeting that was held online via Zoom. I am hopeful that the Fall General Meeting people can attend in person. I also thank all those that voted via email on the five ballot items, all of which were approved.

I am looking forward to another year as President working with **Larry Van Horn** as Vice President. I also welcome new Board Officers, **Tina Sevik** as Treasurer and **Diane Allen** as Secretary who come with new ideas and enthusiasm. The new officers take their places in July.

In addition to approving the 2022-2023 budget and the bylaws change to allow current and past residents of a home not just the owner to become members, we were granted approval to register a trade name of Chartley Neighborhood Association. We will begin the process of implementing these items. Be on the lookout for use of the trade name in the greater Reisterstown community. There will be new web and Facebook pages, a new sign for the Reisterstown Festival Parade and more.

The Community Yard Sale this year will be a THREE Community Yard Sale as we join with Chartleytown and Country Club Estates. More yards to browse if buying and more potential buyers if selling. It will be held on Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, May 21. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and be an enjoyable day for everyone.

Finally, I welcome any ideas for a new event or service that this organization could provide. Also, we are looking for volunteers for our various committees and events such as the National Night Out and the Crab & Turf Fest. Most don't require a special talent and

only take a couple of hours. Give it some thought and email me at **presidentofcha@gmail.com**.

Joe presidentofcha@gmail.com

### **National Night Out**

National Night Out is the annual "Community Building-Campaign that promotes Police-Community Partnerships". In Reisterstown that means a fun evening in the Chartley Shopping Center on **Tuesday**, **August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**.

2022 will be the Biggest and Best NNO. Everything is free. There will be free snacks from Mission BBQ and Chick Fil-A. Ice Cream treats by the Cow. Free cotton candy and frozen flavored ice. Games and entertainment and free raffles too.

There is much to see and do at National Night Out. You may sit, without being handcuffed, in a county patrol car. Learn how to perform CPR. Slide on an inflatable slide. Shoot hoops and throw balls at targets. Win raffle prizes. Learn how you may become a healthier you. Watch an improv demonstration from members of Open Space Arts. How much fun can you pack into two hours? Come to National Night Out and discover how much fun you, and your family, can have on an August 2<sup>nd</sup> evening.

Volunteers are needed at many stations. No prior experience is required. All that is asked is that you join us with a smile on your face and a willingness to make this year's NNO event the most enjoyable August evening in 2022.

Volunteer and follow NNO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NNOReisterstown/ or on the web at http://nnoreisterstown.wixsite.com/nno-reisterstown.

## **Crime In Chartley**

#### May 2022

Chartley residents reported 3 crimes during April as follows: 2 instances of theft in the 300 Block of Bond Avenue, and one instance of vandalism in the 200 Block of Walgrove Rd. As a reminder, we are still working with the police to help us get a reliable crime reporting website to help us track crime throughout the entire area since the collapse of similar websites during September 2020. At the moment, we only have a limited ability to use certain websites to provide us with the information needed and are very dependent on the Precinct Outreach Team and reports from our residents to let us know when a crime has been reported within our community. So, please let us know if you are a victim of a crime or if you know of a crime that has been committed within Chartley. We use that information to work with the police and to better deploy our COP Volunteers in order to reduce such instances within the community. Please send any crime related information to <u>davidlpowes@verizon.net</u>.

The police report an increase in the theft of items being left unsecured outside, or in an unlocked shed, throughout the area. These items include lawnmowers, other lawn equipment, bicycles, etc. Please remember to properly secure all such equipment whenever it isn't being used...and then make sure that if you are securing it in a shed, to lock the shed!

We are still receiving reports of theft from unlocked vehicles, as well as reports of individuals checking vehicle door handles late at night to see if they are unlocked, throughout the area. Please remember to lock it up each time, and then check again to make sure that it is locked.

As a reminder, this is the time of year when we normally have people going door to door soliciting home repair services. Never allow strangers into your home, and always contact the Better Business Bureau to check their history out before signing any kind of agreement with them. The police are also advising to avoid paying for such services with cash. One home owner (not in Chartley) paid for a rather expensive home repair service with cash, only to have his home burglarized by the repair person later.

We continue to strongly recommend that all residents consider acquiring outside video surveillance cameras. Such cameras may not prevent a crime,

although there is increasing evidence that a criminal will shy away from a home where these cameras are reinstalled, but they do provide vital evidence that is extremely helpful to the police when a crime is committed. And, they allow you to see any activity that may take place on your property via your cell phone or computer wherever you may be in real time.

The security of our home and family can never be considered as a "once and done" situation. We must constantly be watchful and make sure that we don't drop our guard. Forgetting to lock our vehicles or to secure our lawnmower, gives the criminal element the opportunity that they are looking for. The safety of our families and homes depends on every one of us to constantly remember to:

- 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.

#### **Police Officer Recruitment**

Baltimore County is actively seeking to recruit new police officers throughout the entire County. This would be an excellent opportunity for someone who is actively seeking to move forward and to give back to their communities.

The starting salary is competitive and there is an excellent benefit program. You can find out more about this opportunity by going to:

**Become a Baltimore County Police Officer or Cadet - Baltimore County (baltimorecountymd.gov)** 

The Application Process can be found online at:

**Police Application Process - Baltimore County** (baltimorecountymd.gov)

#### **Reisterstown Main Street**

Volunteers gather twice each month to work with the Clean Safe Green committee on our town. The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month Main Street Cleanups start 9am in the Landmark Shopping parking and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9am volunteers gather near the bridge behind Reisterstown United Methodist Church to work on Franklin Woodland Trails.

Something new can be seen each month... make sure you take a look and enjoy.



The market will once again be held on the Main Street side of Franklin Middle School Sundays from 9am – 1pm. This year it will start June 5<sup>th</sup> and be held each Sunday until October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Let's shop local and eat well in 2022!

The town can't wait for Music on Main Street concerts to restart. They are back Friday nights from 6:30pm – 9:30pm!! The first concert will be Friday,

June 24<sup>th</sup> and then every Friday until August 26<sup>th</sup> Take a look at the list of bands and bring your chairs and/or blanket out to relax and enjoy.

RIA has been busy planning for streetscape amenities in the 200 block with the Vision towards making our town a Destination. Both interesting to our residents and



attractive to visitors. The first mosaic planter was placed just before our very successful Reisterstown Bloomin' ArtFest. More will be added as they are completed. One of our Chartley residents spent a lot of time on it and you can almost hear the birds singing.

Take a look next time you are strolling ... do you see it?

"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive."

— Fennel Hudson



James A. Garfield Camp No. 1
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# Memorial Day Ceremony at Reisterstown Community Cemetery

What: A wreath laying ceremony to honor soldiers who served

in America's conflicts, from the American Revolution onwards. At the ceremony's conclusion, flowers will be placed on the graves of interred veterans, in keeping with a tradition dating back to the Civil War.

\*\*\* The event is open to the public \*\*\*

When: Monday, May 30, 2022; 11:00 AM

**Location:** Reisterstown Community Cemetery, next to:

Reisterstown Branch, Baltimore County Public Library 21 Cockeys Mill Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136

Conducted by: James A. Garfield Camp No. 1,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Contact: Clay Matthews, 410-790-6684, <a href="mailto:cnmatt@quis.net">cnmatt@quis.net</a>

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Project	Location	Date	Time
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	In <b>September,</b> according to the <b>2022 Bulk Item Collection Schedule</b> you received in the mail.	
CHA Crab and Turf 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

CHA Executive Board Meetings are being held on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company, Main St., 7:00-8:30 PM. All are welcome to participate.



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