



THE ECHATTER

An Electronic Publication for the Members of the
Chartley Homeowners Association
www.chartleyhomeowners.org

Upcoming Events

- 4/ 4 – Chartley Stream Clean Up
- 4/30 – General Meeting

February 2020

What your association does for you...

Volunteers Needed to Clean our Stream

Join your neighbors and CHA to clean the “Chartley Stream” on Saturday, April 4th 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 additional information, contact **Dan** at **410-833-3197** or **Ernie** at **410-833-0262** or by email at erschmidhauser@comcast.net. “

Why is this project so important for Chartley?

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 Chesapeake Bay.

Failure to keep our stream clean creates an eyesore in our neighborhood which decreases the property values of the homes in the Chartley community”.

Are you a member? Do you participate with your neighbors? It is important when we speak with our legislators at both the county and state level that we have a high percentage of membership for our 790 homes. We ask only for \$10 a year (less than the cost of a large pizza) and welcome all to volunteer at an event that interests you. As your president, I am always proud to say that I represent the Chartley Homeowners Association. We are viewed by the county and state in a very positive way, often as a role model for other neighborhoods. Please pay your membership today.

Thank You!

Mary Molinaro

Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc	
Membership Application	
Enclosed are my membership dues for year(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019/2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020/2021 <small>7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021</small>
Annual Dues - \$10:00 per Household	Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check No.: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
Name (s) (Print): _____ Address: _____ Home No.: _____ Cell No.: _____ Fax No.: _____ E-Mail Address: _____	Make check payable to: Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc. Mail application to: P.O.Box 408, Reisterstown, MD.21136-0408 For questions call: Betsy at 410-833-5523
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord
Volunteers are Welcomed	I (we) will help with: <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality <input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning/Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> ROG Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens on Patrol (COP)
<small>6/19</small>	

CHA Scholarship Program

Scholarship Applications are being accepted!

Do you have a High School Senior?

Contact **Chris Yambor**, our Scholarship Committee Chairperson, 432 Deaconbrook Circle, Reisterstown, MD 21136 or call **410-526-0004**.

National Night Out Needs You

Plans are being developed for the 2020 National Night Out but someone is missing – you. NNO cannot be the informative, relevant, and fun activity without your ideas, suggestions and input.

Our second meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 27th at 7 pm. at 311 Highmeadow Road**. This session will last approximately one hour and set the tone for the August 4th event. If you cannot attend please send your thoughts to erschmidhauser@comcast.net or call **410-833-0262**.

Join us to make National Night Out an event that we can all be proud of.

Update on the Reisterstown Shopping Center

Tuesday, February 11th, **Matt Mienthal** from **Greenberg Gibbons** attended the **Reisterstown Improvement Association** Business Roundtable meeting. He announced they have a signed lease for **Lidl**, a European grocery store chain opening stores in the mid-Atlantic region of the US

They will build a store next to Planet Fitness (area behind Chick fil-A) with hopes of opening before 2022.

Greenberg Gibbons will start removing the old Burger King and Hibachi Grill building by the end of February, start new façade improvements on Advanced Auto, Bank of America, Walgreens and rest of buildings up to the old Mars building. He was not prepared to announce a new business coming to the old Mars store area.

Exciting times for the neighborhood!

Kiwanis Paper Shredding

Kiwanis Paper Shredding will be held on **Saturday, April 18th** from 8 am. to 1 pm. **In front of Office Depot** in the Cherryvale Plaza Shopping Center. There is no charge for this service but donations are accepted.

Crime in Chartley

Happy New Year Chartley and welcome to a new decade! Let's start the new decade with a determination that we will have a zero tolerance toward any type of crime within our community.

Unfortunately, we didn't exactly start off that way during January as we had 2 crimes that were reported by Chartley residents, both of which were thefts. Both of these crimes were reported during the week (as opposed to a weekend), in the early evening hours. That would indicate that the resident victim found property missing upon their return home, perhaps from work. In addition, in looking at the crimes reported so far during February, 3 additional thefts have already been reported, with 2 of them occurring in the mid-afternoon hours, and third in the early evening hours. We are looking at all of these incidents to try to zero in on the culprits.

But, the bottom line for all of us is that we need to do a better job of making sure that our property is properly secured. That means putting things away that are not in use, making sure that our sheds, vehicles, and homes are kept under lock and key **EACH TIME, EVERY TIME** we are not using them. The use of video security cameras is also a big deterrent to criminals, particularly when paired with motion detecting outside lighting. The majority of these security cameras detects motion around your property and sends a video of it to your cell phone. That allows the home owner the opportunity to see what is going on and decide whether or not they need to call 911. While these cameras and lights are only a deterrent, and not a cure all, they do provide a much stronger level of home security. They may not prevent a crime, but the video obtained may be invaluable to the police in apprehending the bad guys and recovering your property. And the bad guys will soon become aware that a homeowner has such cameras and will tend to avoid that home. I've also noticed that there is another benefit to security cameras, and

that is the reduction in sales people knocking on my door all the time. With the cost of such cameras dropping lately, I would strongly recommend their consideration.

Chartley still has the lowest crime rate of any community in the area. While we are glad of that, we still need to improve in order to reach our objective of zero crimes. In order to do that, we need to take a more positive approach to eliminating crime within our community. If each resident would take firm action around their own home first, and then begin to be more observant when driving back and forth thru the community, we can dramatically reduce our already low crime rate. The police keep emphasizing the same crime reduction hints that we have been printing in each issue of the Chartley Chatter for quite some time, so we are going to continue to do the same. Why? Because they work! What are they?

- **Lock it up, each time, every time.**
- **Keep the outside of your house illuminated after dark**
- **Never leave valuables in your vehicles**
- **Be aware of your surroundings wherever you are, particularly when you are outside or shopping after dark**
- **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!

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc. (RIA)

A new chapter begins...Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc. moved their office into the newly renovated Historic Building at **202 Main Street**. Many have been visiting The Reister's Daughter coffee shop that opened last month. Stop in and check out the **Welcome Center** on your next visit. The work to become the next Main Street Maryland town

is still underway and we hope to submit it in February and have an announcement for the next eChatter.

Two Special Opportunities to Help Main Street Each Month:

Clean-Up Day is always the 1st Saturday of each month. Join us at Landmark Shopping Center (in front of Reter's Crab House) on Saturday, starting at 9:00am to clean Main Street. For more information about how you/or a group to which you belong can participate, contact Dan Carey, shaneybrook@hotmail.com

Franklin Woodland Trail Project revitalization continues with more mulch laying and path defining. Donations are coming in and a grant was awarded to celebrate a Grand Opening in September. If you have time, mark your calendars for the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am to meet other volunteers near the bridge behind the library.

At the January PCRC meeting, the speaker was **Franklin Middle School Principal Brian Schiffer** noted that the school needs community volunteers, particularly as reading coaches and youth mentors. If you, or someone you know, would like to assist, please visit www.fmspta.org and click on the "volunteer" link for information on how to participate.



"I hear this is a nice, quiet place to read our e-books."



Baltimore County Executive
Johnny Olszewski



Baltimore County Police Chief
Melissa Hyatt

2020 BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

January 22, 2020

All residents, workers and visitors to Baltimore County deserve a safe environment. Our recently-released Countywide Strategic Plan identified Vibrant Communities as a key goal. This goal includes a number of key strategies and actions to improve public safety. Baltimore County remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family, but last year's increase in homicides is unacceptable. We refuse to normalize crime and violence in our communities. To that end, the Baltimore County Police Department (BCoPD), its law enforcement partners, and all of Baltimore County government are working together to reduce crime. Our 2020 strategy includes the following elements:

IMPROVED DATA AND ANALYTICS

We will establish a Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) this year. The RTCC will be led by experienced civilian crime analysts working alongside police officers. The RTCC will be a physical center where real-time data, human intelligence, and technology are combined to drive effective deployment of resources. The RTCC will be primarily focused on the precincts that experienced the greatest amount of gun violence in 2019.

FOCUSED CRIME PREVENTION

We will increase BCoPD's discretionary crime fighting resources, enabling us to conduct targeted crime prevention initiatives in hot spots and at key times of day. We will use the RTCC and our Comstat process to identify the small number of violent offenders in our communities and deploy strategies to prevent violence and victimization.

ATTRACT AND RETAIN TALENT

We will continue to invest in strategies to attract and retain high quality police officers. BCoPD recently reduced the number of sworn vacancies significantly, but attrition and retirements continue. We must do everything we can to ensure that BCoPD is the most desirable police agency in the region for current and prospective officers. We will implement a pilot program for take-home vehicles this year, invest more in local recruitment efforts, implement foreign language proficiency stipends and referral bonuses, and conduct a comprehensive review of our hiring process.

INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES

We are embracing proven violence reduction strategies to improve supervision and accountability within BCoPD. Last year, we expanded the number of patrol areas from two to three, each led by a Major, allowing area commanders to more effectively focus resources. We established a permanently assigned Night Commander to provide supervision and leadership at night. We also revamped Comstat to be more oriented towards real-time crime trends. This year, we will identify and implement proven violence reduction strategies. To that end, we are seeking resources to establish an Office of Public Safety to coordinate innovative violence reduction strategies and to convene stakeholders.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

We are engaging all of our law enforcement partners in the effort to reduce crime in Baltimore County. Last year, we stepped up to play a leading role in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) with other local, state, and federal partners. We introduced a local bill to target illegal guns and support statewide legislation to expand the approach. We continue to coordinate with the State's Attorney's Office on building and prosecuting high quality cases, particularly for violent gun crimes. This year, we are increasing coordination and information sharing with the Baltimore Police Department about regional crime concerns and areas around the City/County border. We are working with the State and our Delegation to expand successful strategies such as the Warrant Apprehension Task Force (WATF) and the Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT). We have also increased strategic collaboration with the State Division of Parole and Probation (P&P), including through joint supervision efforts and having P&P agents participate in Comstat.

CHA 2020 Calendar of Events

Project	Location	Date	Time
Project Clean Stream	Sacred Heart Lane, between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road	Saturday, April 4, 2020	9:00 am to Noon
Kiwanis Shredding Day	Cherryvale Shopping Center (Home Depot)	April 18, 2020	8:00 am to Noon
CHA General Meeting	Reisterstown Elementary School	Thursday, April 30, 2020 (This is a Change)	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Dining At Reters	Reter's Crab House	Wednesday, May 6, 2020 (This is a Change)	11:00 am to 9:00 pm
Bloomin' Art Fest	Franklin Middle School	Saturday, May 9, 2020	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
CHA Yard Sale	Residents Yards	Saturday, May 16, 2020	8:00 am to Residents Discretion.
CHA Yard Sale (If 2 nd Date is Requested)	Residents Yards	Saturday, May 23, 2020	8:00 am to Residents Discretion.
Clean Up & Electronic Recycling Day	Behind the old Mars Food Store	Saturday, June 20, 2020	9:00 am to Noon
National Night Out	Chartley Park Shopping Center	Tuesday, August 4, 2020	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Reisterstown Festival Parade	Main St. to Hannah More	Saturday, September 12, 2020	8:00 am
CHA Crab Feast	American Legion Post 116 1090 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, MD	Saturday, October 17, 2020 (This is a change)	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
CHA General Meeting	Reisterstown Elementary School	Thursday, October 22, 2020 (Tentative)	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

CHA Executive Board Meetings are 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.