



# THE ECHATTER

An Electronic Publication for the Members of the  
Chartley Homeowners Association

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## Upcoming Events

9/11 – Resterstown  
Festival Parade

10/16 – Crab Feast

August 2021

## ”Super” National Night Out (2021)



Thanks to everyone for their participation in NNO last Tuesday. CHA President and First Lady Joe & Katie Kirby, Larry Van Horn, Ernie Schmidhauser, Kaycee Wright and family (husband Mark, sons Seth and Blake), Joe Ganem, Anne & Chris Yambor, Jim Stanton, Betsy & Jack Sloan, and Dave Powers. Chartley residents having an important role in the success of NNO are Jane Hienz, Sue Sooklal, Jimmy, Jen and Zack Roberts, Sue Donnelly, Mike Donnelly, Tina Asher, Bryant Jones & son, Darlene Lang, Melinda Jeffers, Jessica, Dominic & Anthony Pangborn, Mary Shaffer, Tabitha Slutter, Rita Schmidhauser and Mary Molinaro. Also instrumental were RIA members Pat & Claude Brooks, Emory Young, Kathy Gambrill and Charlie Hoppa.

Our National Night Out has been described as “one of the largest and best” NNO event in Baltimore County. The weather was near perfect and the large crowd seemed to enjoy the festivities. It was a success by all measures but it had a few hiccups and a sneezing spell that was caused mainly by miscommunications. These are easily correctable.

Total attendees are any one’s guess. Probably one of the largest crowds ever. Forty-six groups participated (LifeBridge had five tables but only counted as one group). Mascots were the Oriole Bird, McGruff, Batman, Brian Korzec as Captain America, Jessica Felice as Supergirl and Shawn Anthony as Thor.

We served over 600 packets of Chick-Fil-A nuggets, 400 Mission BBQ sliders, 249 bottles of water, 516 bottle of soda/cola, countless cotton candy and more than 300 freezer pops. There were long lines at the food sites and at face painting by, Jamie. Crowds gathered at American Kenpo Karate, BGE high voltage and the Open Space Arts improv performances. Other popular venues were the inflatable dual slide, games area, Ionic Lodge Blue Chip program, Canine At Training, Open Space Arts drawing & paint wall and most of the information tables.

Soon a final report will be submitted to LifeBridge Health and the Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF). Assuming that National Night Out will held in 2022 a committee will have to be formed and grant applications submitted.

## Crime In Chartley

For the past several years now, the most frequent crime that has been reported by Chartley residents has been **theft from UNLOCKED vehicles**. I’m sorry to say that this situation has once again raised its ugly head. On July 6<sup>th</sup> I received reports that there were 6 thefts from UNLOCKED vehicles on 2 streets within our community that took place at approximately 3 AM. According to **Captain Buckingham, Commanding Officer of Precinct 3**, these incidents appeared to be “quick hits” in which the thieves were only interested in quickly checking the glove box and the center consoles of the vehicles and then leaving. Never the less, this is one crime that **WE NEED TO COMPLETELY ELIMINATE** from our community.

Once again, we are asking everyone to take the time to **LOCK IT UP, EACH TIME, EVERY TIME! Then re-check to make sure that your vehicle is locked.** Failure to lock it up every time is the same thing as giving all your keys to every stranger you see and inviting them to take whatever they want. This is a crime that can be prevented. Carelessness of this sort only invites thieves to continue to target Chartley residents.

We have also received reports of catalytic converters being cut off of several vehicles within the area. While none of these incidents so far have been reported in Chartley, we wanted to make you aware of the situation so that you can be alert. Try to park your vehicles in a well illuminated area after dark and always respond if you hear something outside during the night. The police are anxious to get these thieves off the streets.

As many of you know, and have posted on social media, fireworks are continuing to be detonated throughout the Reisterstown area, including Chartley. One Chartley resident put a post on Facebook that read "Enough Already, July 4<sup>th</sup> has passed!" Some of these fireworks are being set off between 1 AM and 3 AM and have been loud enough to awaken residents from being asleep. That is not only very inconsiderate, but it is also **ILLEGAL**. As a reminder, **DISCHARGING FIREWORKS OF ANY KIND IN BALTIMORE COUNTY IS ILLEGAL!** This includes all fireworks such as any hand-held or ground-based device that creates an explosion, detonation, loud noise, that launches a projectile or moves along the ground under its own power. If you hear fireworks being discharged at any time, please try to determine the approximate location and report it to 911 right away.

As we reported in the July issue of the Chatter, speeding continues to be a problem throughout the area, including Chartley. The police are increasing their traffic enforcement as well as issuing equipment repair orders for loud mufflers.

Don't become a crime victim by letting the bad guys take advantage of you. As we have stated for several years now, **LOCK IT UP EVERY TIME!**

- **Keep the outside of your house illuminated after dark.**
- **STRONGLY CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF HOME SECURITY CAMERAS AROUND YOUR PROPERTY. The bad guys tend to go somewhere else when they see these cameras around a house.**

- **Never leave your vehicle running unattended.**
- **Never leave valuables in your vehicles.**
- **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. 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! If in doubt, let the police check it out.**

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## Crab Feast

Tickets are being printed for the **October 16<sup>th</sup> Annual CHA Crab Feast**, to be held at the Post #116 American Legion Hall on Westminster Pike. Tickets are \$48 per person. Ticket



sales are to be limited to 150. Steamed Crabs catered by **Reter's Crab House & Grille**.

### MENU

- Steamed Crabs
- Crab Soup
- Chicken Wings
- Beef Hot Dogs
- Salads: Potato, Macaroni and Cole Slaw
- Cake
- Non-alcoholic Drinks

This is a **BYOB** event.

Tickets available by calling **Dave Powers at 410-833-3734** or by email at [davidlpowers@verizon.net](mailto:davidlpowers@verizon.net).



## 2021 Chartley Homeowners Association Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to **Rori West** of 315 Townleigh Road for winning the 2021 **Joseph S. Molinaro Memorial Scholarship**. Rori had an exceptional resume of scholastic and extracurricular accomplishments. She was accepted at ten excellent universities, but chose the University of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota. She will study strategic communications and journalism.

Pictured in the photo are the West family: (from left to right) Chris, Addi, Rori, and Debbie.

Congratulations for your accomplishments during a challenging year.



## Emma's Tea Spot

5500 Harford Road  
(on the corner on the right)  
Baltimore, MD 21214

*by Jane Hienz*

My BFF and I discovered a sweet place to have a spot of tea and a homemade scone. It's a bit out of the way, but I think people are ready to go on little jaunts during the day. She's located a mere three miles toward the city on Harford Road in Hamilton. There is free parking behind her shop plus an open lot just behind that.

Emma's is a place where you can take your daughters, sisters, friends and actually anyone who likes the atmosphere of a tearoom and you can enjoy a cup of tea and a scone; high tea; Queen Bee tea or other British-sounding menu combinations. Emma's choices of made-from-scratch soups, salads, tea sandwiches are many, but they all include some type of tea. She told us her food is farm-to-table plus she has a bakery custom make her scones only for her and according to her grandmother's recipe.

The store is quite large and holds about seven or eight tables, so about 35 customers. The tables are well spaced from each other. You grab a menu, decide on your choices and order at the counter. She makes everything while the tea brews and brings it all to your table in a knitted tea caddy. Very English. In fact, she's English! She has China tea cups, saucers and plates, some even donated by her customers.

My friend and I totally enjoyed our experience – especially the scone – and vowed to return with our friends and introduce them to Emma's Tea Spot.

You can find her menus, hours and directions at [emmasteaspot.com](http://emmasteaspot.com). She doesn't take reservations and is closed on Tuesdays.

I hope you give it a try.

## Is a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Coming to Our town this year?



The Atlantic hurricane season began on June 1, 2021. The National Hurricane Center has already named and tracked three storms so far. As we enter the hurricane season, with climate change enhancing the possibility and frequency of hurricanes, it is more important than ever to be prepared. Since 1950, 135 known hurricanes, tropical storms and tropical depressions have affected the state of Maryland.

One of the best things you can do to prepare for hurricane season is to get vaccinated! This helps protect you if you need to evacuate to a shelter or interact with local emergency personnel.

Here are some other simple steps you can take to prepare yourself and your family.

### **Know Your Evacuation Route ([www.ready.gov/evacuation](http://www.ready.gov/evacuation))**

Check with local officials about what shelter spaces are available this year. Don't forget — coronavirus may have altered your community's plans. Even if you stay in your home area you may have to go to a shelter if your home is damaged. Find out in advance where the shelter near you is located. And if you have pets, does that shelter allow pets? If you have to evacuate do not drive through flooded areas. Plan your route in advance to use roads that do not cross creeks and streams.

### **Gather Supplies**

Have enough food, water and other supplies ([www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit)) for every member of your family to last several days. Do not rely on the shelter to provide all your needed items. Consider the unique needs of your family, such as supplies for pets or medication for seniors. Adding extra masks, soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes or general household cleaning supplies can help to protect you from COVID-19 when you evacuate to a shelter.

### **Make an Emergency Plan**

Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands **your hurricane plan** ([www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan)). Don't forget a plan for the **office, daycare center, school and any other locations** you frequent ([www.ready.gov/plan-for-locations](http://www.ready.gov/plan-for-locations)). Ensure your vehicle fuel tanks are full. Charge all portable mobile devices and make sure to take your chargers with you if you evacuate

### **Plan with Disability in Mind**

No two people are the same: each of us moves through, functions in and navigates the world differently. It is important to make your emergency plan based on what works best for you. Creating a support network or planning ahead with accessible transportation can ensure that you stay safe when disaster strikes. Visit [www.ready.gov/disability](http://www.ready.gov/disability) for more information on how to plan if, for example, you are blind, hard of hearing or have sensory disabilities.

### **Remember the Furry Members of Your Family**

**Pets** ([www.ready.gov/pets](http://www.ready.gov/pets)) need their own emergency plans and supply kits. Certain shelters won't accept pets. Taking action in advance, such as seeking out shelters that DO accept pets, can make a difference. It's also a good idea to plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.

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## Reisterstown Main Street

The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month Main Street Cleanups works to make our town clean and welcoming. Volunteers gather at 9am in the Landmark Shopping parking. It normally lasts just 2 hours so come join us. 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 Trail**. The trail committee is planning for a Grand Opening ceremony **Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. See the flyer on **Page 7** and mark your calendar to come celebrate!

The Reisterstown library staff is busy arranging furniture, stocking shelves and making sure all is ready when they reopen in September. The town can't wait to take a walk through this newly renovated historic building and once again take out their favorite book.



 **The Welcome Center**



Let the celebration begin which includes the Grand Opening or should I say “reopening” of our town’s Welcome Center. (See the flyer on **Page 6.**)

At the same time, we will celebrate the opening of the park behind 202 Main Street adjacent to the Reisterstown Community Cemetery. The town is buzzing with new reasons to come and stroll Main Street and party.

Reisterstown Main Street is busy celebrating all businesses starting with a ribbon cutting at **The Cavanagh House Community Garden** which is serving participants in their training programs and donating to the Community Crisis Center to help others. In August, there was a ribbon cutting for **A|R Workshop Reisterstown** which opened in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and is actually celebrating a one-year anniversary. We will be celebrating other restaurants and businesses over the next few months. Remember to **“Stop, Shop, Stroll & Dine”** and stay local.



The market is open on the Main Street side of Franklin Middle School Sundays from 9am – 1pm each Sunday until November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Vendors are happy to bring you local produce and homemade items.

Let’s shop local and eat well in 2021!

**CHA 2021 Calendar of Events**

(Bold Events are CHA Sponsored)

Project	Location	Date	Time
Reisterstown Festival Parade	Main St. to Hannah More	Saturday, September 11, 2021	9:00 am
Reisterstown Festival	Hannah More	September 11, 2021 and September 12, 2021	11:00 am to 10:00 pm and 11:00 am to 5 pm
<b>CHA Crab Feast</b>	<b>American Legion Post 116 1090 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, MD</b>	<b>October 16, 2021</b>	<b>5:30 pm to 8:30 pm</b>
<b>CHA General Meeting</b>	<b>Reisterstown Elementary School</b>	<b>October 2021 (Date To Be Determined)</b>	<b>7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b>

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.

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# THE WELCOME CENTER AND POCKET PARK GRAND OPENING

**202 Main Street  
11am-3pm**

Meet our new Main Street Manager, the Officers and Board Members of Reisterstown Main Street, and celebrated guests. Join us as we open these two amazing additions to Main Street. Featuring live music, Welcome Center tours, giveaways, food and shopping. Come "Stop, Shop, Stroll and Dine"

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# THE 34th ANNUAL **REISTERSTOWN FESTIVAL**

*"Where Summer Lasts a  
Week Longer"*

**SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2021**

**Hannah More Park, Reisterstown**

**Parade at 9 am Saturday**

**Live Music All Day**

**Raffle Baskets and 50/50 Drawing**

**Car Show on Sunday**



**Craft and Commerical Vendors  
Delicious Festival Food  
Family Area with Entertainment  
Military Display**

**Fireworks at Dusk Saturday**

**Beer and Wine Garden**

**Onsite Parking with Donation**

**Shuttle Bus to Main Field**



Join us at [reisterstownfest.com](http://reisterstownfest.com) or  
[facebook.com/The.Reisterstown.Festival](https://facebook.com/The.Reisterstown.Festival) for more details

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# Franklin Woodland Trails

# GRAND OPENING

**Date:** Saturday 9/18/2021

**Time:** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Location:** Trail entrances behind the  
Franklin Elementary School

Live music - Children's activities - Face Painting - Animal Encounters - and Guided Tours of the Franklin Woodland Trails! Bring a picnic and enjoy a day of fun for the whole family

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