



THE ECHATTER

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There are some
great NNO Pho-
tos on the CHA
Facebook Page.

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President's Message

What a night! The August 2nd National Night Out was an amazing night for the whole family! There was a variety of information tables from county departments, LifeBridge Health and local businesses; food from Chick-fil-A and Mission BBQ; sweets from the Cow, cotton candy and freeze pops; bike and gift card raffles; music, games, and a giant slide for children. Police and fire departments were well represented. There was even a police helicopter flyover. It was a great success thanks to **Ernie Schmidhauser** and his hard-working committee and volunteers.

Though the event was fantastic, we are not done. This year's **Crab and Turf Feast** (yes, we are planning to have beef) is coming on **October 15th**. See the details on **Page 3** in this issue of the eChatter.

You may have noticed the new speed humps on Chartley Drive. The work also included new cross walks at Shirley Manor Rd for the elementary school children and daily walkers in the neighborhood. A concerned Chartley Drive resident coordinated that effort.

Speaking of the school, classes start Monday, August 29th. Please be aware of students walking and waiting for buses. Let's have a safe year for our children.

I also want to remind you that **Bulk Trash Removal** returns for the second annual pickup day in late September. Chartley is divided into two separate days depending on where you live. The days are September 29 & 30. Check the Bulk Trash Collection Schedule sent out by the county earlier this year to determine your day and the restrictions on what can be picked up. I believe there were some hiccups with the last pickup, hopefully they have been ironed out. Be prepared and

start looking for those items you are ready to let go.

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National Night Out



The National Night Out committee THANKS everyone who helped plan, made a donation, participated in, or volunteered their services to make the 2022 National Night Out our most successful ever. Fifty-seven different groups participated, and if you count the various departments in the participating groups, there were 66 display areas on the Chartley Shopping Center parking lot.

The weather was almost perfect on Tuesday, August 2nd for National Night Out. A hot summer day with a slight breeze brought out the crowd of people for free snacks, drinks, cotton candy, freezer pops, games, entertainment, mascots, information, displays, handouts and our gift card and youth bicycle raffles.

In the October Chatter we will share credit to those behind the scene persons who were responsible for the success of National Night Out.

Please look at the pictures of this year's event and see how many people you can identify as participating or attending National Night Out 2022.

2022 Reisterstown Festival Parade

This year's Reisterstown Festival is only five weeks away! The festival will kick off beginning with the **parade on Saturday, September 10th**. Chartley Homeowners Association has participated in the parade for the past 21 years and we are planning on participating again this year. The parade gives us a chance to show our residents who we are and that we are hard at work to help maintain Chartley as a pleasant and safe place to live. Our COP Volunteers also participate in the parade to send a message to any potential criminal types that we are alive and well, that we are watching, and that we will not tolerate crime within the community.

We would like to invite all Chartley residents and their families to join us and participate in the parade and help us represent our pride in our community. All children love a parade, and like it even better when they can tell their friends that they have walked in one.

While we have not received final information regarding the location where we will form up to begin the parade, we know from the past that the parade normally starts promptly at 9 am, which means that we usually have to be in our form up location no later than 8:30 am as the police will close that portion of Reisterstown Road at that time. The parade route is only approximately one mile and is a very easy and pleasant walk. So mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for this fun event that will also help advertise our great community. And don't forget to bring the kids.

If you would like to join us in marching in the parade, please contact **Dave Powers** at davidlpowers@verizon.net. Dave will keep you informed about parade events and the time and location where we will meet the morning of the parade.

Come on out on September 10th and join the fun and help us represent our great community

CHA 2022 Fall Yard Sale

As you may recall, Chartley Homeowners Association and Country Club Estates Community Association sponsored a joint multi community yard sale this past May. In response to a number of requests by our residents, both organizations will join together

once again to sponsor another Multi-Community Fall Yard Sale on two successive weekends to give residents who wish to participate the opportunity to get rid of things they no longer want or need. There are a number of area wide events scheduled during September and October, so we selected the two weekends that were least busy to schedule the **yard sale on Saturday, September 17th, and the following Saturday, September 24th**.

We are asking all who wish to participate to pre-register by going to [Community Yard Sale Registration \(countryclubestatesreisterstown.org\)](http://CommunityYardSaleRegistration.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.

If you have any questions, please contact **Dave Powers** at davidlpowers@verizon.net.



The CHA wishes to offer our congratulations to the 2021-2022 Scholarship Winners:

Mathew Yurcik, 235 Sacred Heart Lane – winner of the Phyllis Daly Memorial Scholarship.

Azure Crossley, 5 Village Vale Court – winner of the Joseph S. Molinaro Scholarship.

Our best to these two deserving awardees and their families.

Crab and Turf Feast

The annual Chartley Crab Feast has a new name, **CHA CRAB & TURF FEAST**, and will feature **PIT BEEF along with our local favorite STEAMED CRABS catered by Reter's Crab House & Grille.**

The CRAB & TURF FEAST will be held on **Saturday, October 15th** in American Legion Post #116 Hall at 1090 Westminster Pike, Reisterstown from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Our menu has changed to the following:

MENU

Steamed Crabs
Pit Beef
Crab Soup
Corn On The Cob
Cole Slaw
Macaroni Salad
Potato Salad
Cake
Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Tickets will be available shortly by contacting **Dave Powers** by email at davidpowers@verizon.net. Tickets are \$58 per person, if purchased BEFORE October 8th, and \$68 per person if purchased on or AFTER October 8th.

Carryout will be available.

Crime In Chartley

BIG TIME KUDO'S to Ernie Schmidhauser and his entire team for an outstanding National Night Out event that was held on August 2nd! (See the article on **Page 1**). This annual event takes many months to plan, coordinate, and to successfully bring to our Community. It is designed to foster community relations between the police and the public. Despite temperatures in the 90's, the event drew a large crowd, many of whom stopped by to chat with the Precinct 3 Police officers while their excited children were crawling thru a police car! Several of the police officers told me that they really enjoyed the event, especially the opportunity to talk to citizens on an informal basis and to hear their thoughts and concerns,

Now back to Crime in Chartley. Two thefts were reported in Chartley during July. One was a theft from

a resident's bank account and the other was a general theft in the 300 block of Janet Rd. Theft, particularly general theft (e.g. theft of a bicycle from someone's yard) has been the most commonly reported crime within our community since the beginning of the year. So far, 11 out a total of 16 reported crimes have been the general type theft. While our overall crime rate has been low compared to previous years, now would be a good time to look around your property and make sure that you are taking the proper precautions to safeguard it. As always, **LOCK IT UP EVERY TIME!**

Our COP Program works with the Outreach Team at Precinct 3 to track crime throughout the area in order to try and alert YOU of any negative activity BEFORE it occurs in our community. But our primary source of information is YOU as a Chartley resident. If we aren't made aware of something that is going on, then our ability to effectively work with the Precinct 3 officers is severely hampered. As the saying goes, **"If you see something, say something" by first calling 911 to report it. If in doubt, let the police check it out. Then follow up by sending me the information at davidpowers@verizon.net.** That will help me to coordinate with the police as may be appropriate.

One of the tools we use to help us track crime is social media. Quite frequently, someone will put a post on one of the social media available that indicates that they have been a victim of a crime, or that their security cameras picked up something that appeared suspicious. On most of these occasions, there are follow up posts by other readers expressing their dismay, sometimes disparaging the Reisterstown area as a ghetto, etc. Not until a number of such replies have been posted does someone finally ask if the "victim" had called the police. Quite frequently, the post originator indicates they just wanted to let everyone know what was going on and that 'no' the police have not been notified! Each time I see these posts I have to always ask myself WHY? Why post something on social **before** calling the police if something appears suspicious, much less if a crime is being, or has been, committed. **Make that call right away**, then post on social media if desired. That could actually save someone's life, much less result in arresting the criminal.

We continue to receive complaints about fireworks being set off both in our community as well as in surrounding communities, sometimes late at night. Please remember that **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. Fireworks can, and have caused serious injuries, even some deaths, as well as setting homes or sheds on fire. And dogs are not very fond of them either! If you hear fireworks being discharged at any time, please try to determine the approximate location and report it to 911 right away. The fine for setting off fireworks is \$250 for the first offense, and a hefty \$1000 for the 2nd offense

As always,

- **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 in doubt, let the police check it out!**
- **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!**

Baltimore County Concrete Replacement Program

Concrete Replacement Information

The repair and maintenance of sidewalks, pedestrian pathways and driveway aprons within the Baltimore County right-of-way are the responsibility of each respective property owner. All sidewalks, pathways and driveway aprons must be maintained in a safe condition, free from obstructions and tripping hazards as defined in the **Americans with Disabilities Act**.

To aid the property owner in the repair and maintenance of sidewalks, pathways and driveway aprons, Baltimore County offers a program that allows the property owner to request that the necessary repairs be made by the Bureau of Highways. Upon application, arrangements will be made with a County-approved contractor to complete the work, per Baltimore County Standards and Specifications. The costs incurred will be placed on the property tax bill, spread evenly over a five year period, interest free.

Schedule an Appointment

Call the Bureau of Highways at **410-887-3560** or send an email to highways@baltimore-countymd.gov to schedule an appointment with a representative to complete the application at your residence.

The cost for concrete sidewalk replacement is \$6.50 per square foot. The cost for driveway replacement is \$9.50 per square foot.

Typically, there is a waiting period of up to one year before the work can be completed under this program; however, should you choose not to wait, you may hire a private contractor at any time.

Tree Damage

For damages to the concrete driveway or sidewalk from trees, please view the information on [tree removal](#), or contact the Bureau of Highways by phone at 410-887-3560 or by email at highways@baltimorecountymd.gov.



2022 National Night Out Photo Gallery
Visit the CHA Facebook Page for more photos.



Chartley Drive Traffic Calming Speed Humps have been installed

A few weeks ago, Baltimore County DPW installed speed humps on Chartley Drive similar to what was done on Glyndon Drive. **Joseph Chester** on Chartley Drive took leadership to get the map from DPW of the



locations and a petition for residents to sign. It was necessary for him to obtain 75% of the streets approval and he accomplished this very quickly as everyone wants to slow traffic as the cars drive past our homes. First comments by residents on Chartley have been that it is successful.

Standard speed humps like you see on Glyndon Drive have been installed in front of 107 Chartley Drive and near 235 Chartley Drive.



The other locations are crosswalks for students so they will be different with brick borders. One will put a hump over the entire intersection at Shirley Manor and Chartley Drive. Be careful as you approach as there are still only Stop signs on Shirley Manor.

“How can the world be seen at such speeds? Where do people need to go so badly they can’t realize what is already here, outside the car window?”

– Daniel Wallace



The last speed hump is located at Osan Drive where children cross to get to Reisterstown Elementary School each day.



Be stronger together!

*Join your neighbors
and support*

**Chartley
Homeowner's
Association**

Scan the QR Code to become a CHA Member today -it is quick and easy!
Membership Dues are just \$10 per year!

Art Comes To Main Street

Part of the **Streetscape** work included adding planters to Main Street, particularly on the side of the street that is mostly concrete. The suggestion was

made to be creative and add mosaic planters to bring a “pop of color” and our workshops began. Starting with 22 volunteers at the 1st workshop, everyone patiently worked through the project and now you can see the end result. Take a stroll and see for yourself!





The murals added to the Maryland Horse building in the 300 block were partially funded by one of RIA's **Façade Improvement Grants** and they look great.



CHA 2022 Calendar of Events

Project	Location	Date	Time
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 September , according to the 2022 Bulk Item Collection Schedule you received in the mail.	
CHA Yard Sale	Resident’s Yards	September 17, 2022 and September 24, 2022	8:00 am to Residents Discretion
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.