



THE

CHARTLEY CHATTER

A Quarterly Publication of the Chartley Homeowners Association

Calendar of Events

Virtual Board Meetings

- Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 10, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 pm

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(All are welcome)

Virtual General Meeting

(To Be Determined)

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Mission Statement

The Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc. promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the homes within the Chartley area, the general well being of the community, and works to preserve Chartley as an attractive and safe neighborhood. It operates in coordination with other civic organizations to assist in educating residents about, and in the implementation of crime prevention programs, health initiatives, scholarship programs, cleanup campaigns, and other activities to maintain and improve properties within the community.

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National Night Out

August 3, 2021 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm



See the National Night Out Flyer in Center of this Chatter.

National Night Out will be held on **Tuesday, August 3rd from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** in the lower parking lot of the **Chartley Shopping Center**. This is an opportunity for Chartley residents and their friends to enjoy a free evening of games, snacks, gift card raffles, and mascots in a festival atmosphere of information and fun for the entire family.

NNO will kick off with the “Presentation of the Colors” by the U S Army color guard and be followed by demonstrations by American Kenpo Karate, BGE High Voltage and an improv by our local Open Space Arts. The event will include information and displays by police, firefighters, emergency preparedness, health, safety and community groups. There will be a dual

outside slide, paint wall, and games for children and adults. Mascots, including “**The Oriole Bird**” will roam the site and pose for pictures.

Everyone enjoys free snacks and canned drinks on a warm summer evening. The first 500 attendees will receive tickets for free chicken nuggets from Chick-Fil-A and sliders from Mission BBQ, Everyone can enjoy cold non-alcoholic drinks, freezer pops and cotton candy.

Watch your free tickets carefully as everyone will receive a free gift card raffle ticket that must be placed in the box, near the announcer, in order to be eligible to win a gift card. Plans are being made for a separate **free** youth bike raffle.

There is much to see and do at

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Chartley Homeowners Association wants to extend a special thanks to **LifeBridge Health and Baltimore Community Foundation** for their support of National Night Out.

CHA CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed to help set up, play & watch games, take down tables, chairs and tents at NNO. **NO** experience required. **Training on site.** Jobs begin at 5:00 pm and end around 9:00 pm.

President’s Message

July 1 Is the beginning of a new fiscal year for CHA and this year a change in three board officers. I am honored and looking forward to being President for the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year. I am also very pleased to be serving with **Larry Van Horn** (Vice President), **Kaycee Wright** (Secretary) and incumbent Treasurer, **Joe Ganem**. All have already made suggestions and contributions to benefit the community and the CHA organization. Also, **Mary Molinaro** will be moving from President to Immediate Past President. Mary has done a wonderful job as president for the past two years and will continue in her new role to share in her experiences and perspectives providing valuable input.

I do want to recognize the outgoing officers **Ernie Schmidhauser**, **Dan Palich** and **Mary Muth**. Dan has moved out of the area and we thank him for seeing out the end of his term and all of his contributions over the years. Ernie and Mary will gratefully still be active members of the team.

At the risk of understating, it has been a trying year. I won’t go into recounting the many ways our daily lives had been changed in an effort to keep ourselves and others healthy and safe. Still there were encouraging signs all over the community. I saw more

people out walking taking care to be socially distant, walking wide when someone approached. Homeowners took their time at home to make improvements to their home and property. People were very friendly recognizing we were in the same boat.

With Maryland ending the state of emergency restrictions on July 1 and COVID metrics continuing to drop with increased vaccinations, we can look forward to gathering safely with family and friends. This also includes CHA events that are already being planned. They include **National Night Out** at the Chartley Park Shopping Center on August 3, **Reisterstown Festival Parade** on September 11, and the **CHA Crab Feast** on October 16. Please mark your calendars. More information on National Night Out can be found in this edition of the Chatter.

With the inability to hold these events in 2020, the CHA lost opportunities to raise funds for our organization. These funds are used not only for the social events but also to support community improvement projects like the Stream Clean, the Clean Up and Electronics Recycling Day, and our college scholarship program. Another way is by just becoming a member. Dues are \$10 for the fiscal year. I encourage you to join.

Speaking of membership, I have some exciting news! Besides filling out the form in this Chatter and remitting the \$10, we offer the option of joining online on our website and a link from the Facebook page. It is an easy and secure way to pay your dues. See the details later in this month’s Chatter. While you are at it, consider becoming a volunteer helping with an activity that interests you. Most opportunities require only an hour or two which will be greatly appreciated. Students can even earn community service hours. It benefits the community and is actually fun. I would love to increase memberships and get more people involved.

For 29 years my wife and I have been very happy living in Chartley. We raised our children here attending local schools. People are friendly and watch out for each other. I am proud to live in such a place.

The board is always open for suggestions and new ideas. Feel free to e-mail them to me at **presidentofcha@gmail.com**. May we move forward, being good neighbors, keeping our community an attractive and safe place to live.

Joe Kirby,
presidentofcha@gmail.com

Clean Up and Electronics Recycling Day Results



Spring is always a great time to spruce things up, and there is no better way to do that than by disposing of those things that we have been planning on taking to the dump. Our **Annual Clean Up/Electronics Recycling Day** event has always been designed to save residents the time and cost of doing that by providing them with a convenient place locally for them to dispose of unwanted items. We weren't able to sponsor this event last year due to the COVID crisis, but CHA was able to once again partner with **Country Club Estates Community Association (CCECA)** to sponsor this always popular event this year on Saturday, June 5th, behind the old Mars Food Store located in the Reisterstown Shopping Center.

A total of 69 residents from Chartley (29), Country Club Estates (31), and other communities in the area (9) disposed of items during this event with some of them making multiple trips to take advantage of this convenient way to get rid of unwanted things. We filled 1 ½ dumpsters with these items as well as a small box truck and a small trailer with electronic items. While this was not nearly the amount of bulk trash and electronic items that we had anticipated, most of the people disposing of items told us that they really appreciated CHA and CCECA sponsoring this worthwhile event again this year.

We are really grateful to all the helpers who came out to give us a hand at this event. Thanks also to Kaycee Wright for helping to advertise the event on social media. And Kaycee, along with her son Seth worked as helpers as well. Along with Kaycee and Seth, our sincere appreciation goes out to Jimmy

Roberts, his wife Jennifer, their son Zack, Ernie Schmidhauser, Joe Kirby, Larry Van Horn, Mark Hemler (President of CCECA), Shirley Love, Melinda Jeffers, Campbell Ruffthead, Andrew Ruffthead, Tina Asher, Susan Sooklal, Emmott Wheeler, Jack and Betsy Sloan, and Dave Powers. Without their hard work, this event could not have taken place, much less have run as smoothly as it did. Thank you everyone!

On April 15th, in his 2022 Budget Proposal, **County Executive Olszewski** included funding to bring back bulk trash pick-up beginning early next year. This appears to indicate that each resident will once again have the opportunity of placing items which they wish to get rid of at their respective curbside. As of now, we do not have any additional information about how this revised policy will work. Does it mean that the County will no longer fund Community Clean Up Day events such as we have been sponsoring for a number of years now? Stay tuned.

CHA Crab Feast

Reserve **Saturday, October 16th** for the annual Chartley Homeowners Association Crab Feast at the American Legion Post 116 hall at 1090 Westminster Pike. Steamed crabs provided by **Reter's Crab House & Grille** will be featured.

Menu

Steamed Crabs	Maryland Style Crab Soup
Chicken Wings	Beef Hot Dogs
Corn on the Cob	Potato Salad
Cole Slaw	Macaroni Salad
Cake	Non-alcoholic Beverages

Join us on October 16th for one of the last crab feasts of the year. Seating is limited. To reserve your tickets, contact **Dave Powers** at 410-833-3734 or email him at davidpowers@verizon.net

"If summer had one defining scent, it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue."

— Katie Lee

2021 Chartley Homeowners Association Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to **Rori West** of 315 Townleigh Rd. 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.



Amazon Sidewalk

In today's world, most if not all of our homes have some sort of internet device that allows access to streaming and security services. For those of us who use Amazon this includes Echo and Ring home security devices, connecting via Alexa. Recently Amazon activated a feature on these devices called **Sidewalk** which is designed to connect Amazon devices (via Alexa) into a linked network that shares internet bandwidth between neighbors. The company says they are doing this to enable (our) services to work better.

"How it works is if one of your Amazon devices loses connectivity, your device would just switch to a neighbor's internet signal so the service wouldn't be disrupted. 'You're donating a portion of your internet bandwidth to a pool for Amazon to use. So, you're paying money for that internet, but now you're getting this free service, and then now you're giving some of it back for this pool,' said **Craig Petronella**, an IT Cybersecurity expert with **Petronella Technology Group, INC** in Raleigh, NC. Petronella says *that one challenge of sharing your internet like this is that it could slow down your connection.* Amazon says the total monthly data used by **Sidewalk** enabled devices is capped at 500 MB, about what it takes to stream ten minutes of high-definition video." (Diane Wilson, ABC News 6, Raleigh)

The bigger concern about Amazon **Sidewalk** is for the impact on privacy and security associated with collecting and storing the data that will assist the company in linking multiple individual home

networks. Amazon offers a full explanation of how it plans to protect your individual data (available at Amazon.com).

Since there may also be a potential crime deterrent benefit from access to data collected via a linked network (e.g., "Ring" devices), CHA solicited an opinion about **Sidewalk** from our local Baltimore County Police (BCP) precinct. **Captain Will Buckingham** of the Franklin Precinct has shared that "... doorbell type cameras are a great tool for assisting the police department in solving crimes. We (BCP) have cleared many cases with the assistance of neighbors and their doorbell cameras, with their consent". As of this writing, since the **Sidewalk** program is new, it is still being evaluated by BCP with help from the State Attorney's Office. We will share any updated insights we receive from these organizations.

For now, Amazon has automatically defaulted all subscribers into this network. However, you do have the option to opt out of **Sidewalk**. To do this, you can log into your Alexa or Ring app, go to **Settings**, select **Account Settings** and turn off **Amazon Sidewalk**.

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JOE MANDARA

Crime In Chartley

The police continue to warn about deception burglaries which are situations where people pretend to be sales people, utility workers, county inspectors, tree trimmers, or even government officials, and who use every ploy to deceive victims in any way they can. One way to help minimize unwanted sales people and scammers from knocking on your door is to post a "No Soliciting" sign in a prominent location where it can be easily seen by anyone walking up to your front door. Baltimore County Code prohibits people from soliciting at homes that display such signs. Violators are subject to a fine if found guilty in a court of law. We've also found that having outdoor video security cameras are a very good deterrent in keeping these unsavory types away from our homes. Illegal sales people, burglars, thieves, etc. do not want to be on camera. Such cameras are well worth the investment and we continue to urge everyone to seriously consider acquiring them.

For quite some time now, we have been receiving a number of concerns regarding fireworks being set off within our community as well as the surrounding areas. In essence, the law states that unless one is a licensed pyro technician who has obtained the proper permits to have a fireworks display, **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. The police have informed us that they will be investigating these situations as they occur and will take the appropriate action. The County Code specifies that a first-time violation of this law is a misdemeanor subject to a fine not to exceed \$250, while a subsequent violation is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1000. These are the basic fines associated with the illegal discharging of fireworks and do not include any legal action that may be brought due to damages or injuries. Please call 911 if you see individuals discharging fireworks.

There has been an increase in shed burglaries in our precinct with dirt bikes and ATV's being the primary targets of the thieves. As we have always emphasized, **LOCK IT UP, EACH TIME.** This includes your sheds or other out buildings, as well as your home and vehicles.

There was a reported shooting at the Reisterstown McDonalds. A suspect has been arrested and charged in this incident.

The police have received 31 complaints of abandoned automobiles in the area. As of June 15th, all but 3 of those complaints had been cleared. If you see an abandoned vehicle, please call 911.

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.

The police report that numerous complaints have been received throughout the precinct regarding juveniles riding their bicycles directly into oncoming traffic. The primary areas of concern in Chartley are in the 500 block of Gwynnwest Road and in the 400 block of Shirley Manor Road. Bicyclists must obey the same traffic laws as drivers of automobiles. While this type of dangerous behavior seems to be subsiding, please be aware of this situation and call 911 immediately if you observe this kind of activity.

For a number of years now, the majority of crimes reported by Chartley residents have been crimes of opportunity where a resident has forgotten to lock their vehicles, homes, or sheds or have left something unsecured around their property (e.g., kid's bikes, lawn equipment, valuable items left in plain sight usually in a vehicle, etc.). In these cases, the bad guys took advantage of that resident. Despite this however, our crime rate has always been lower than surrounding communities. The two primary reasons for that has been our very active **Citizens on Patrol Program**, and encouraging our residents to keep their eyes open whenever they are taking a walk, or driving anywhere thru the community, and reporting anything that doesn't look right to them by calling 911 immediately. Remember, if in doubt, let the police check it out! You could be preventing a crime. And always remember:

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

Driveway & Sidewalk Repair/Replacement

One of our neighbors recently inquired about repairs to her sidewalk and driveway. Should anyone else be considering this upgrade to your property, Baltimore County offers a program to help. Councilman Patoka's office recently offered the following information.

"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.

To schedule an appointment:

- Call the **Bureau of Highways** at **410-887-3560** or send an email to highways@baltimorecountymd.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."

Am I Safe in My Own Backyard?

by Jane Hienz

Recently, on a beautiful June evening, our neighbor's giant Black Oak dropped some limbs into his yard and onto our property. Other than a mess of huge broken limbs and a broken fence, no one was injured. The limbs on our side of the fence are our responsibility, so including the cost of removal, the cost of replacing a section of our new fence, we will spend over \$1,000.

An arborist from Carroll Tree Service came out to give us an estimate and evaluate, from a distance, the neighbor's tree. I asked him the same question, are we safe in our own backyard. He pointed out that the Black Oak was a healthy tree, that it just needed pruning; however, he pointed to a tree in another neighbor's yard and said, "I would be worried about that tree." If that tree should fall, it would strike the wires, our fence, our pool deck and probably the house, not to mention anyone sitting outside at that time.

An important question to ask is how do we protect ourselves from our neighbors' trees. I called our homeowner's insurance agent who suggested we have a chat with that neighbor, tell them of our concerns and see if they would remove the tree. After that chat, we should send them a registered letter

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New Option for Paying CHA Membership Dues



For those of you looking for another way to pay your Chartley Homeowners Association dues, there is a new option on our website at <http://www.chartleyhomeowners.org/>.

Click on the “Pay Membership Dues” button on our home page. A screen will appear that allows you to pay your membership dues with a credit card:

We’re glad to be able to offer this new form of payment.

A screenshot of the Chartley Homeowners Association website showing a donation form. The form is titled 'Join CHA!! \$10 Annual Fee' and has a sub-heading 'Enter donation amount'. The amount entered is '\$0.00'. Below the amount is a button labeled 'Pay'. Underneath the button are input fields for 'Address', 'Email', '+1 Phone number', and 'Full name'. There is also a field for 'Card number' with a dropdown menu for 'MM/YY' and 'CV' and a 'ZIP' field. At the bottom of the form is a checkbox labeled 'Save my information for a faster checkout' and a 'Donate' button. A small disclaimer at the bottom of the form reads: 'By clicking Donate, you authorize this donation, and agree it is non-refundable and made voluntarily without exchange of goods or services.'

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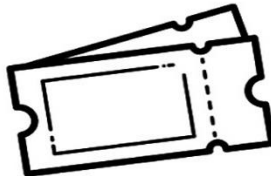
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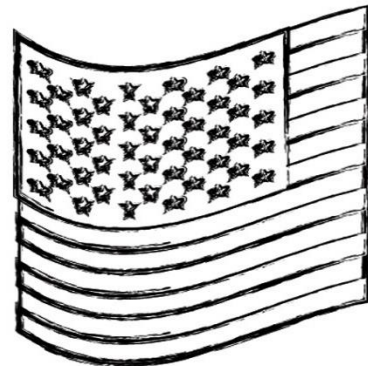
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- Games and crafts for children
- Vendors and demonstrations



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NNO PLANNED ACTIVITIES and DEMONSTRATIONS

- Opening Ceremony – U.S. Army Color Guard
- Self Defense Demonstration - American Kenpo Karate
- Downed High Voltage Wire Safety – BGE.
- Improv Performance – Open Space Art
- Dog Obedience and Trick Demonstrations – Canines at Training
- District 2 Councilman “Izzy” Patoka
- Captain Will Buckingham and Officers of Precinct #3
- Community Organizations
- Health
 - Baltimore County Department of Health
 - LifeBridge Health
- Mascots including “The Oriole Bird”
- Play & Entertainment Zone
 - Draw & Paint Wall
 - Dual Lane Slide
 - Face Painting
 - Games
 - Kiwanis Play Area
 - Reisterstown Branch Library
- Safety & Emergency Preparedness
 - Baltimore County Police – Motorized Bike
 - CHA Smoke Alarm Program
 - Hands Only CPR
 - IONIC Lodge – Blue Chip Identification Program
 - MD Department of Natural Resources Police
 - Police Community Relations Council – PCRC
 - Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company
 - Safety Lighting – Main Street Electric
 - Stop the Bleed
 - Target Home Preparedness Kit
 - 911 Simulator
- Baltimore County Code Enforcement
- Baltimore County Dept. of Environmental Protection & Sustainability
- Baltimore County Department of Solid Waste
- MDOT MVA “REAL: ID”
- MDOR State Highway Administration
- MD Insurance Administration
- MD National Guard
- MD Office of the Attorney General – Consumer Protection Division

Pets, Rollerblading, Roller Skating and Skate Boarding are prohibited.

Membership

The following list shows the addresses that are paid in full for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. This includes homeowners who sent in membership checks early and homeowners who have paid for multiple years that include the coming year. If you believe you have paid for the new membership year and your house number does not appear on the following list, it may be that the payment you made was for a previous year. If you are not on the list and think that you should be on it, contact our Membership Chairperson, **Betsy Sloan** at **410-833-5523**, so that we can verify your membership and, if necessary, update our membership records.

Of course, you can always complete the **Membership Application on this page** and mail it along with your check to the Association PO box. You will have the opportunity to pay for both the current year (2021-2022) and the next fiscal year (2022-2023).

Street	House Number	Street	House Number
Arms Chapel Road	211, 227	Janet Court	202
Bentley Hill Drive	228	Janet Road	304, 307
Bond Ave.	214, 216	Meadow Mist Court	4, 6
Brunk Court		Northway Court	305
Brunk Road	107	Northway Road	101, 113, 127, 200, 201, 202, 204, 205, 206, 208, 212, 213, 223, 233
Carlton Crest Court	4	Piper Road	600
Chartley Drive	201, 205, 215, 220, 221, 236, 238, 239, 243, 246, 248	Ringneck Court	
Cherry Chapel Road	308, 311, 312, 324, 330	Sacred Heart Lane	204, 207, 217, 218, 220, 227, 232, 427
Deacon Brook Circle	411, 414, 415, 417, 419, 420, 422, 429, 430	Shirley Manor Road	606
Glen Granite Road	516	Tidyman Road	233
Glyndon Court	6	Townleigh Road	304, 310, 315, 316, 318
Glyndon Drive	114, 202, 206, 207, 216, 227, 231, 233	Village Vale Court	5, 7, 8
Gwynnwest Road	508	Walgrove Court	706, 707
Highmeadow Road	203, 207, 228, 241, 303, 313, 400, 403, 409, 410, 412, 415, 425, 430, 433	Walgrove Road	224, 238, 239
Homevale Court		Zell Court	
Homevale Road	203, 212, 214		

Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc

Membership Application

2021/2022 2022/2023

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023

Enclosed are my membership dues for year(s):

Annual Dues - \$10:00 per Household

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check No.: _____ Cash

Name (s) (Print): _____

Address: _____

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E-Mail Address: _____

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Renewal New Member Homeowner Landlord

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I (we) will help with:

- Membership Newsletter Block Captain Hospitality
 National Night Out Zoning/Traffic ROG Representative
 Citizens on Patrol (COP)

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outlining the previous in-person conversation so that there is written proof that the tree is dangerous. This process insures us that if the tree is not removed and does fall on our property, they will be held liable for the monetary damages caused by that tree. They have been warned. The agent also suggested that it would be neighborly if we offer to help pay for that removal, which is always a nice gesture.

As I have twice before written in the Chatter, Chartley is a sixty-plus year old neighborhood and a lot of the trees were already here or were planted as part of the draw for moving into Chartley from the city. Hence, they are old. If our trees are to survive another sixty years, they need care. Do you want to be without electricity or cable for a week because your tree or your neighbor's tree fell on the wires? No. Do you want to spend money on renovating your house after a neighbor's tree falls on it during a storm? No.

If we take care of our trees, have them removed or pruned and the deadwood removed, we could all keep our beautiful canopy and the leafy neighborhood that attracts buyers to this day after all these years.

Some numbers to call to better care for our trees:

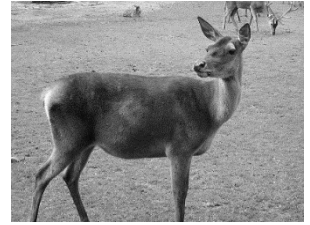
County Drain Cleanout – a free service to remove tree roots from your drainage system: **410-887-7415**.

Baltimore County, Dept of Public Works, Bureau of Highways – a program to look at and assess the trees between the sidewalk and the street. There is also a system to replace the damaged sidewalk: **410-887-3560**.

Keeping Deer Away from Your Plants

Some years ago, I had beautiful tomato plants, hostas, impatiens, daylilies, etc., until one night when Bambi and friends decided to pig out on them. I was absolutely furious! But it was too late! Soon afterwards, my wife found a recipe in a book on how to control pests that has proved to be worth its weight in gold. We have used this recipe ever since then, and it REALLY WORKS. We haven't had any deer problems since.

Deer are creatures of habit. Once they find a food source, they will come back every night. You can almost set your watch with their punctuality. The trick is to not let them get into the habit of finding, what to them is a salad bowl, in the first place. Even if you miss a few plants and the deer get to them first, using this recipe will keep them from coming back to that plant again.



The formula for the recipe is an egg and water mixture that is sprayed on the plants you want to protect. It does not have any noticeable smell to humans, even after being on plants for days, but the deer can't stand it! They will bypass that plant and go somewhere else. The spray will not wash off the plant during a gentle rain, but you will have to re-spray after a hard rain or after watering your plants or flowers with a sprinkler. It's also advisable to re-spray after several days during periods of no rain.

The recipe is as follows:

Deer Recipe

1. Either use 1 egg for a 32 oz spray bottle mix, or 3 eggs in a gallon mix.
2. Break egg into water (32 Oz for spray bottle), or 3 eggs to a gallon of water.
3. Wisk egg until thoroughly mixed.
4. Let sit in water for 1 1/2 hours and re-stir mix periodically.
5. **STRAIN** mix into spray bottle (**put any excess into refrigerator** for the next application).
6. Spray plants.

Store any unused mixture in refrigerator. When reusing mix that has been stored in refrigerator, let stand in sun until it reaches air temperature (helps to keep plants from going into shock).

Humans cannot smell this product even after it has been on the plant for several days...but the deer can...and they hate it.

This recipe does not keep rabbits or squirrels away from your plants, but they are not fond of tomato, hosta, or impatiens. Try sprinkling red pepper around plants preferred by rabbits or squirrels. They will look elsewhere for their meal.

My American Adventure, An Immigrant's Look at America

As told to Jane Hienz

I was born in Sicily and came to the United States in 1975, but I first saw the U.S. flag when I was in 2nd grade in an orphanage (parents could put their children in the Catholic orphanage if they needed help. My father died when I was 6 so my mother put my twin sister and I there). The nun was asking the class which flag was the prettiest and I said the, "American flag is the most beautiful." She sent me to stand in the corner for the rest of the class period. I was supposed to say the Italian flag. I didn't know. I saw the flag again when the children were all watching the American astronauts land on the moon. It was on their shoulder patches and the little flag planted in the moon's soil. I loved that flag even then.

At 14 my sister and I came home from the orphanage. I met my husband a few years later, in 1975. We married and planned to move to America, his country. First I had to go to the American consulate in Naples where I was interviewed. There, again, I saw the flag. I was seeing it everywhere, like it was calling me. I remember we flew Alitalia airline and I saw the Statue of Liberty from the air as we were flying into New York City. She was a huge welcoming sight. New York City, however, scared me, with all the big cars, the crowds everywhere and the tall buildings. I thought "why is the sky so low?"

During my first week in Baltimore, my husband took me to Little Italy and to Fort McHenry. Again, I saw the American flag, a big one, and it was so impressive.

I ate my first hot dog at the stadium and drank Coca Cola (no diet) for the first time. They are still two of my favorite foods. The grocery stores were so amazing – full of everything all year long (in Sicily you can only buy seasonal products).

At that time, I did not speak English at all and couldn't go to school (since I was pregnant), so I learned how to speak from the TV, the newspaper and listening to people all around me. Maryland, Mary's Land, aha, that's why it's called Maryland. I started putting things together but because I didn't go to school, I have an accent to this day.

I became a citizen in 1996 because I wanted to be

part of America. People would tell me, "You live here but you're not an American", so I studied and stood in front of the judge with a lot of people from other countries and took my oath. It was a proud moment.

I moved to Chartley in 2006. There are good people here and they keep nice houses and the streets are clean. It's very different from the Sicily and the Italy I remember. I don't understand why people come here and start gangs. You should be grateful to be here. America welcomes you and you do this? Why do crime when you have opportunities? Go back to your own country and do your crimes.

I probably would have died if I had stayed in Sicily. The doctors and technicians here are Number One. In Sicily, when my sister was bitten by a fish, the doctors operated on her leg in front of everyone! When I had my tonsils taken out, the doctor opened my mouth, put in a metal thing to keep my mouth open and then snipped out the tonsils. No medication! There were four people holding me down. Somehow, we both survived.

I never had a car. I did take a driver's test but the man yelled "Stop the car, not for you!" to me after I drifted into the other lane a few times!! I use the buses, taxis and have walked to work a lot in my life.

There are a lot of opportunities in this country. I have had jobs of one sort or another since my children were old enough to be in school, and I really appreciate what America has done for me by welcoming me and giving me the opportunity to live a good life.

Membership and Workplace Giving

Dues at \$10 per household is not a lot of money. But dues can raise \$2000 a year if we maintain a membership of 200 households. That amount goes a long way in funding a \$1000 scholarship, paying a portion of the printing cost of the free quarterly Chatter, paying the annual premium of our liability insurance policy, paying for the rental of a post office box, purchasing signs for our three street bulletin boards, renewal of our website, dues to community non-profit organizations that CHA partners with, and other administrative expenses. This year CHA will hold its annual Crab Feast which is

expected to provide additional funding for our activities.

Many companies encourage their employees to give and volunteer time to a community non-profit organization such as CHA. Two residents, last year, took advantage of their employers “**Workplace Giving**” programs and obtained monetary grants for our homeowners’ association. The first person volunteered to serve on a workplace committee that sponsored specific monetary awards to non-profit community organizations. Through her familiarity with CHA’s programs, she was able to have CHA placed on a list of non-profits that received a monetary award. The second resident, a retired employee of a national company, was able to obtain a monetary grant for CHA through a Volunteer Support

Program of his former employer often called “**Dollars for Doers**”. The former employer awarded a specific dollar amount based upon the hours that the retiree volunteered for the non-profit CHA.

A popular workplace giving program is **Employee Matching Gifts**. In this program, the monetary charitable donation of an employee to a non-profit community organization, such as CHA, is matched dollar for dollar, or more than the original donation. Guidelines and amounts of the matching gift vary with each company program. Contact the Human Relations Department of your employer for information on your company’s Workplace Giving Program.

CHA 2021 Calendar of Events

(Bold Events are CHA Sponsored)

Project	Location	Date	Time
National Night Out	Chartley Park Shopping Center	Tuesday, August 3, 2021	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Reisterstown Festival Parade	Main St. to Hannah More	Saturday, September 11, 2021	8:00 am
CHA Crab Feast	American Legion Post 116 1090 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, MD	October 16, 2021	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
CHA General Meeting	Reisterstown Elementary School	October 2021 (Date To Be Determined)	7:00 pm to 9:00 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.



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Main Street – Reisterstown

Volunteers continue to help the town. The first Saturday of each month at 9am they meet at the parking lot in front of **Reter's Crab House** and help with the **Main Street Clean Up**. New volunteers are always welcome to pick up litter and keep our town looking nice. The 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am volunteers once again gather in the lower end of the RUMC parking lot near the bridge at the new trail head for the library loop of the **Franklin Woodland Trail**. They continue adding new amenities, spreading mulch, and preparing for the **Grand Opening Ceremony**, Saturday, **September 18th** from 11am to 3pm. Mark your calendars.

Check out the calendar on www.reisterstown.com to see all that is happening around town.

The **Reisterstown Farmers Market** is open and vendors are greeting customers each Sunday



9:00am until 1:00pm on the Main Street circle at Franklin Middle School. Eat fresh and shop local!



Landscaping is complete at the corner of Cockeys Mill Road and Main Street and look what landed. **IndiGLOW** is our town Cicada thanks to a local artist who lives in Chartley, **Crystal Micriotti**. The new **Pocket Park** work (grass area behind 202 Main Street bordering the

Reisterstown Community Cemetery) will start in July and we expect it will be completed by The **Grand Opening Ceremony** scheduled for Saturday, **August 21st**. Mark your calendars and come shop along Main Street and take a look between 10am and 4pm.


A **Buy-A-Brick** campaign has started for the walkways through the park. Log onto www.reisterstown.com and click Donate at the top. Individual and Non-Profits are \$50 and Businesses are \$100, also please put the name you want on the brick in the "Comments" field

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