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President's Message

First, I would like to thank all those who attended and volunteered at our Annual Crab Feast. It featured great food and conversation for those who were there, while others opted for the pre-order/take-home option which was well received. The money raised will go toward our scholarship program.

Events like the Crab Feast and National Night Out take a lot of organization and more than a few people. In fact every event or community activity we run needs volunteers. Activities like the stream cleaning, clean up & electronic recycling day, even distributing the printed Chatter require helping hands. Maybe you have a particular skill or are a great organizer. The community can use your talent. So as we approach the yearend and look forward to 2022, I ask you to think about volunteering for a project or submitting an idea for a new one. Suggestions and help are always welcome.

There won't be a December eChatter so I would like to wish everyone safe, healthy and very happy holidays be they Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa and a joyous New Year!

Joe
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CHA's 2021 Annual Crab Feast

We're back! After being shut down last year due to the pandemic, CHA was able to bring back our always popular annual Crab Feast again on October 16th. Despite the understandable reluctance of many people to attend group events due to the delta variant of the

virus, and heavy rain for a good portion of the day, 81 hungry guests, including some of our political representatives, attended the event this year. In addition, we offered a new Drive Thru Pick Up option this year to allow those who were concerned about the COVID virus situation to enjoy the good food without having to feel concerned about large gatherings. Thirteen people took advantage of this option bringing the grand total of people who participated with us to 94.

While attendance was down due to the pandemic as well as the soaring cost of crabs this year, the event was a great success. We have had many people tell us that this year's event was one of the best. The food was delicious, which is always the case with any food prepared by **Reter's Crab House and Grille**, and the phrase "Best Crabs ever" was heard frequently throughout the evening...and indeed they were. We always work hard to make sure that this event is a success and that it remains one of the more popular events in the area. Not only is it one of the last Crab Feasts of the season, but the ticket cost is also one of the lowest anywhere despite the significant increase in the cost of crabs this year. **And proceeds from this event go toward funding our Scholarship Program which we award to qualified seniors within our community every June! Now that is truly a win, win, win for everyone!**

Planning and organizing a Crab Feast is quite a task. Once again **Ernie Schmidhauser** did a magnificent job in bringing everything together and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Ernie spent months making sure that this year's event would be another enjoyable one for everyone. In addition, Ernie and our Immediate Past President, **Mary Molinaro** were all over the place during the Crab Feast making sure that everything was running smoothly and pitching in wherever additional help was needed. CHA's current President, **Joe Kirby** greeted guests and made sure all the announcements were made on time. **Rita Schmidhauser** kept the flow of food from the kitchen flowing smoothly and along with **Katie Kirby** made sure that

the Drive Thru Pick Up orders were prepared and delivered to the pickup point on time. **Sue Sooklal and Jenifer Roberts** supervised the food serving tables and worked with **Tina Asher** all evening serving guests and helping to clean up after the event. **Jimmy Roberts** and his entire family (**wife Jennifer and son Zach**) also worked the event, with Jimmy making sure that the crabs and crab soup were delivered steaming hot for all to enjoy. **Jack and Betsy Sloan** also pitched in to help with the setup, breakdown, and cleanup of the Hall. And ditto for **Dave Powers** who also was responsible for ticket sales and, along with our Vice President, **Larry Van Horn**, manned the admission door and kept track of the 50/50 raffle. Finally, but certainly not least, we would like to thank two outstanding JrROTC students from Franklin Senior High who volunteered to help in any way they could. So, a big hearty thanks to **Miceala Moorman** and **Elizabeth Shvets** who worked at the serving tables as well as helping with the setup, breakdown, and cleanup of the Hall.

While this year's Crab Feast was another success story, we are looking at other possible options for future years and would like to hear from you. What do you think about our Annual Crab Feast? What would you like to see added, or dropped, from the Menu? Should we continue having this event, or should we consider doing something else to help us fund our Scholarship Program? Please let us know your thoughts and suggestions about these questions, as well as anything else that you would like us to consider. You can send your comments to either **Ernie Schmidhauser** at erschmidhauser@comcast.net or **Dave Powers** at <mailto:davidlpowers@verizon.net>. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Deadline For Paying Dues If Applying for a CHA Scholarship

If one of your family members is applying for one of the CHA scholarships in the spring, your family's CHA membership dues must be current as of **December 1, 2021**. To pay your dues, you can:

1. Send a check payable to Chartley Homeowners Association Inc. and mail it to PO Box 408 Reisterstown, MD 21136-0408

2. Go to the **chartleyhomeowners.org** website and click on the "Pay Membership Dues" button on the home page. You can pay with a credit card.

If you have questions regarding whether or not your dues are up to date, call **Betsy at 410-833-5523**.

If you want more information on our scholarship program, go to the scholarship tab at our **chartleyhomeowners.org** website.

We look forward to your scholarship applications in the spring.

Chris Yambor
CHA Scholarship Chairman

Crime In Chartley

Halloween has now come and gone, but your COP Volunteers were once again on our streets making sure that the evening was pleasant and secure and that the children who were out trick or treating were safe. The number of kids out trick or treating this year greatly increased compared to last year during the height of the pandemic. The weather was clear and cool and all of them seemed to be quite happy to be outside. We were glad to see that the majority of the children were accompanied by their parents. All in all, the evening was busy, but quiet.

First degree burglaries (Residential) and fourth degree burglaries (out buildings) continue to be a problem throughout the area, as is theft from unlocked vehicles. With the onset of colder weather, the police advise that they expect to see an increase in theft OF vehicles as a result of people warming up their vehicles in the mornings and leaving them unattended, which is a violation of the law. In addition to losing the vehicle, owners can be fined \$70. That is definitely a lose/lose situation.

There have also been a number of non-domestic assaults throughout the area over the past several months. We urge everyone to **always be aware of their surroundings** and to exercise caution accordingly. For example, make sure you park your vehicle in well-lit areas after dark, and avoid walking alone after dark.

We have noted a number of crime situations being posted on social media, often prior to calling 911. This wastes valuable police response time and

often allows the criminal to easily escape. Please remember to call 911 BEFORE you discuss what you have seen with anyone else and certainly before you rush to post your observations on social media.

Historically, as we go through the holiday season, we see an increase in crime throughout the Reisterstown and Owings Mills areas. This includes theft, theft from vehicles, robberies, and residential burglaries. Theft of packages from so called “porch pirates” is also expected to increase. We urge everyone to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of their loved ones and their homes by adopting the following crime prevention reminders into their daily routines:

- 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.
- Monitor all anticipated package deliveries. If you cannot be home when the package is expected to be delivered, make arrangements to have the package

delivered to someone who can be available at the time of delivery.

- 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.

Main Street – Reisterstown

Saturday December 4th will be busy with volunteers doing two jobs on Main Street. Our monthly Clean Up Day and Hanging Wreaths on the Main Street lamp-posts projects will both be completed...holiday celebration begins 😊 All volunteers can gather starting 9am at the parking lot near Reter’s as we split into teams to complete both projects.

A tree lighting is planned for 3pm in front of 202 Main Street on Dec.11th during Holidays on Main.

Reisterstown Farmers Market 2021 is coming to a close 😞. Thank you to all in our community who made it their “place to shop” for local produce! It’s always good to eat fresh! The final Sunday will be **November 21st from 9am – 1pm** on the Main Street circle of Franklin Middle School.



Small Business Saturday November 27th from 11am – 3pm remember it is important to “Shop Local” and support our Main Street businesses. Stop in the Welcome Center @ 202 Main Street and pick

up some of the American Express giveaways and warm up with a few snacks as you plan your stops to shop and dine.

Franklin Woodland Trails will have the final volunteer day of 2021, Saturday December 11th from 9am – 11am. Park behind Reisterstown United Methodist Church and check out the new Storybook along the trail as well. This is a wonderful trail to walk in our town. If you can’t help on the 2nd Saturday of the month, take some time to just enjoy the outdoors.



Complete the day on the 11th by participating along Main Street from 11am – 4pm as we celebrate.

Stop in the Welcome Center for some snacks and a giveaway!

Shop in our Main Street businesses for that unique gift for family and friends!

Stroll and enjoy Main Street!

Dine in one our local eateries



Holly Fair

November 13, 2021

9 AM to 4 PM

A Juried Arts and Crafts Show

We feature handmade:

- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Prints
- ◆ Dips and jams
- ◆ Candles
- ◆ Soaps & lotions
- ◆ Decorated cigar boxes
- ◆ Antique stools
- ◆ Beaded utensils & glasses
- ◆ Paintings
- ◆ Cards
- ◆ Christmas Decorations
- ◆ Quilted items
- ◆ Hand painted signs & wall décor
- ◆ Chocolate & candy
- ◆ Infinity & knit scarves
- ◆ Cakes
- ◆ Doll clothes
- ◆ Children's aprons
- ◆ Garden leaves
- ◆ Stained glass items
- ◆ Bowls
- ◆ Forged metal items
- ◆ Birdseed wreaths & bird feeders
- ◆ Recycled antiques
- ◆ Crochet & knitted items
- ◆ Gourds
- ◆ And so much more.

Carry Out Soups & Sandwiches • Baked Goods • Door Prizes

Reisterstown United Methodist Church

246 Main Street

\$3 Admission

In accordance with Baltimore County metrics and the venue's requirements at the time, face masks may be required.

Reisterstown United Methodist Church, 246 Main St., Reisterstown, MD 21136

Contact: Amy Hart via email: amyhart9092@gmail.com

Holly Fair Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/hollyfaironmain>

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