



THE ECHATTER

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Chartley Homeowners Association
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Stay Safe.
Stay Healthy.
Wear Your Mask.

February 2021

Stream Cleanup 2021

Looking for an excuse to go outside and get a little exercise? Want to socially distance from others? Interested in ecology and keeping up the appearance of our community? Volunteering to help clean the “**Chartley Stream**” on **Saturday, April 3rd** is the activity that you are looking for.

Each April volunteers from Chartley, and their friends, clean litter from the “Chartley Stream”. This stream flows through our community into the Gwynns Falls Watershed and ultimately into the Chesapeake Bay. Thousands of volunteers across the Chesapeake watershed pick up litter, trash and unwanted items from streams, rivers and creeks.

Last year fourteen residents spent three hours removing 15 bags of trash and litter, and a few chairs, a shovel, and vinyl fencing from our stream and its banks.

Blue Water Baltimore reported in April 2020 continued poor scores for water quality in the Gwynns Falls watershed. The scores are determined by averaging the scores of several different monitoring stations within the watershed. A primary factor for low scores in the nontidal waterways is very poor conductivity. Conductivity is a measurement of the salts and chemicals in our streams that could harm fish and other organisms. Road salts, sediment, polluted storm water runoff, and sewage overflows contribute to poor conductivity levels. While we cannot control the amount of road salts, sediment and sewer overflows we can reduce the amount of polluted storm water runoff and the amount of the trash and debris polluting our stream.

Join your homeowner’s association on **Saturday,**

April 3rd to clean our stream. If you need an excuse think exercise, or to reduce conductivity in our stream, to improve the appearance of our community, or be a little selfish and do it to increase your property value.

Chartley Scholarship Program

The Chartley Homeowners Association offers two \$1,0000 scholarships for graduating senior high school students in Chartley. Here are the eligibility requirements:

1. Parents/legal guardians of the applicant must be homeowners in the Chartley community and the applicant must reside in the Chartley community.
2. The applicant’s household must be a current dues-paying member of the Chartley Homeowners Association on or before **December 1, 2020**.
3. The applicant must be a senior in high school (Franklin, Owings Mills, Baltimore County magnet, private, home school).

Once you are sure you meet these requirements, download the scholarship application request form at <http://www.chartleyhomeowners.org/scholarships.html>

And mail it to:

**CHA Scholarship Committee
432 Deacon Brook Circle
Reisterstown, MD 21136**

Once we have reviewed and approved your application request, we will send you the scholarship application packet. All information in the packet must be completed and submitted to the CHA Scholarship Committee no later than **Wednesday April 1, 2021**.

If you have any questions, you can email me at yamborac@verizon.net.

We look forward to another successful scholarship season.

Chris Yambor
CHA Scholarship Chairman

National Night Out

National Night Out is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday evening August 3rd**, -- COVID-19 restrictions permitting. Currently events such as NNO are **not** permitted but it is our hope that the vaccine distribution will provide “herd immunity” so that National Night Out may be celebrated in 2021.

Planning for NNO 2021 has commenced. Our second meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, February 23rd** in which we will discuss “**How to Make NNO Socially Responsible**”? There are many challenges to overcome and we **need your thoughts and ideas** if we are to host a safe and successful event.

Contact Ernie at **410-833-0262** or by email at erschmidhauser@comcast.net, or text him at **410-596-8425** for the meeting id and password.

See you on zoom on **February 23rd**.

Crime in Chartley

It appears that the Covid-19 virus may have had a positive effect on the crime rate throughout Precinct 3 as crime within the precinct has been lower than in the other precincts in the County. And that has been reflected in Chartley as well. According to the police there have only been a few crimes reported within our community so far this year with most of those related to concerns about suspicious activity. I am still trying to find a reliable website that will provide me with the information I need to track crimes down to the street level throughout the area. In the meantime, I continue to urge everyone to **immediately call 911** if you become the victim of a crime and to

let me know of any crime that takes place within our community. Please send that information to me at davidlpowers@verizon.net as soon as possible whenever you become aware of any criminal activity within our community.

The police have asked us to advise you of the following:

- The AT&T Store in 10,000 Block of Route 140 was broken into. Arrests were made.
- Hannah Moore was burglarized by a homeless individual and an arrest was made.
- The police are working on the continued traffic concerns received from the residents of Central Avenue in Glyndon. These concerns range from increased traffic on Central Avenue, people not stopping for stop signs, big rig trucks using Central Avenue as a short cut to Rt. 140, etc. The police are working with the County with a study that is currently under way to replace the stop signs on Central Ave (installed in 1988) with brick top speed bumps. A petition is being submitted to accomplish this. Such a petition requires 75% resident approval.
- The police are actively working on the concerns expressed regarding auto racing in the area (Gwynnwest Rd, Village of Timbergrove, etc.). A group of officers have been assigned to specifically address this problem. These officers are working with other jurisdictions to resolve this issue. At this point, it's believed that a specific car group may be involved.

• Traffic calming devices (speed bumps) are currently being installed on Tarragon Road.

We continue to recommend the use of video cameras around our homes. They are proving to be a valuable asset in both reducing and solving crimes. Criminals tend to shy away from a home when they see a video camera such as a doorbell camera on a resident's home. Outside surveillance cameras provide a very worthwhile extra layer of security around our homes, which also helps with the overall security of the entire community. Prices for these cameras have been decreasing and many insurance companies now offer discounts on homeowner insurance when such cameras are installed.

While the pandemic and the recent snowstorms may be helping to keep crime low within our community, we can be sure that the criminal element will be back out on our streets in the near future. If we fail

to take the necessary precautions to protect our homes and property, the criminals will take advantage of the situation. Never let you guard down, not even for a moment. Adopt the following crime prevention measures to avoid becoming a victim.

- **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.**
- **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!**

CHA 2021 Calendar of Events

Project	Location	Date	Time
Project Clean Stream	Sacred Heart Lane, between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road	Saturday, April 3, 2021	9:00 am to Noon
Kiwanis Shredding Day	Cherryvale Shopping Center (Home Depot)	Saturday, April 17, 2021	8:00 am to Noon
CHA General Meeting	Zoom Meeting *	Thursday, April 29, 2021	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
CHA Yard Sale	Residents Yards	Saturday, May 15, 2021	8:00 am to Residents Discretion.
Clean Up & Electronic Recycling Day	Behind the old Mars Food Store	To Be Determined	
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.

* Email presidentofcha@gmail.com to get the login information.



We have some more snow to shovel and I just want to give a big “**Shout Out**” to thank all those neighbors that have been spotted helping neighbors in Chartley.

Before you know it, spring will be here and once more we can get outside and enjoy our walks.

Join us now be a part of our neighborhood organization, it is only \$10 per year, helps with expenses and ensures that we can present a Scholarship to a deserving high school senior and be your voice as we speak with both county and state leaders. Simply complete the application later in this eChatter and mail it to us.

Give us your email address and you will receive the eChatters which are published in the months that the quarterly Chatters are not printed.

Baltimore County Executive Johnny O. is following the guidelines of the state reopening slowly and surely. **Baltimore County Department of Health** has opened two large Vaccine Facilities, one at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium and the other in Randallstown Community Center with a third planned on the East side of the county. The county is ready and just needs more vaccines for everyone so you need to be patient. You may want to check with your doctor, hospital or pharmacy to see if you can get an appointment.

The county is currently completing registrants in Phase 1A and 1B – all levels are described in the chart below:

MARYLAND COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITY

- 1A**
 - Health care workers
 - Residents and staff of nursing facilities
 - First responders, public safety, corrections
- 1B**
 - Assisted living, other congregate settings
 - Adults age 75 and older
 - Education and continuity of government
- 1C**
 - Adults age 65-74
 - Essential workers in lab services, agriculture, manufacturing, postal service, etc
- 2**
 - Adults 16-64 at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness due to comorbidities
 - Essential workers in critical utilities, transportation, food service, etc
- 3**
 - General population, including healthy adults age 16-64

New Baltimore County Program Available for those Aging at Home – do you need a little help?



The Baltimore County Department of Aging (BCDA) announced the **Baltimore County Age-Friendly Upgrades for Seniors (BCAUSE)** program which offers the opportunity to receive home repairs or safety modifications up to \$4,500 to help enable you to stay at home. The program is a collaboration between BCDA, Civic Works, Rebuilding Together Baltimore, CHAI, and Dundalk Renaissance. To be eligible, you must be a Baltimore County homeowner who is 65 years or older and is at or below 50 percent of area median income. BCAUSE is funded

through an \$800,000 capital grant from **The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation** with additional funding from **Wesley Inc.** which has dedicated itself to serving seniors since 1868.

If you are interested in participating, call 410-887-2594 Monday – Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm to complete an application over the phone to determine eligibility. For more information on this and other programs of the Department of Aging, you can go to www.baltimorecountymd.gov/aging.

Public Input Needed for County School Construction Plans:

Baltimore County Public Schools and Baltimore County government have released an online public **SURVEY** to gather community input on school construction priorities in the coming years. The survey will remain open until February 15th so please take time before it is too late for your voice to be heard.

The **Multi-Year Improvement Plan for All Schools (MYIPAS)** is now in Phase 2 focusing on elementary and middle schools to develop a capital improvement program that maximizes state funding, defines facility priorities with community input; and assesses existing facilities based on Enrollment projections, capacity and utilization; Educational adequacy and equity; and Facilities condition.

Community members may view previous meetings, review documents, and provide general comments on the **MYIPAS website**.

**“WHAT GOOD IS THE WARM OF
SUMMER, WITHOUT THE COLD
OF WINTER TO GIVE IT
SWEETNESS.”**

- JOHN STEINBECK

Reisterstown Main Street

Outdoor Volunteer Gatherings continue and February broke the record with 25 Volunteers working to clean Main Street. The volunteers gather the 1st Saturday of each month, 9am at the parking lot of the Landmark Shopping Center (in front of Reter Crab House & Grill). The 2nd Saturday of each month, 9am volunteers gather near the bridge behind Reisterstown United Methodist Church to work on Franklin Woodland Trail. New additions appear each month, come and take a walk.

No news yet from Governor Hogan when large groups will be allowed to gather; so, planning is stalled for the events you have been accustomed to attending on Main Street. We may know more next month when gather permits will be allowed. Do remember to **Shop Local** and think of our Reisterstown Main Street businesses when you think to “Stop, Shop, Stroll & Dine”

While we can’t gather, volunteers have been working with Zoom meeting and funding from grants help our town. Teams are planning for improvements which should start in 2021 to make our town Impressive while respecting the historic values of our buildings dating back to the 1700s.

Summer Youth Employment Program

This program covers July 6th through August 13, 2021 with a wage of \$11.75/hr. for at least 5 hours/day for 6 weeks. Youth must be age 14-21 and a Baltimore County Resident, complete an online application, submit documents when requested and attend readiness training.

For more information email: YouthServices@baltimorecountymd.gov and apply at www.baltimorecountyyouth.com/youth.



Work This Summer!
Six Week Paid Employment Opportunity

County Executive Town Hall Meeting

County Executive Johnny Olszewski announced his third annual series of town hall meeting to hear from constituents about their ideas and priorities. The 2nd District Town Hall with Councilman Izzy Patoka will be held Monday, 3/8/2021 at 6:30pm.

The Call in: **1-415-655-0001**; Access code: **180 686 0349**



CHARTLEY SOLD YTD as of 2/9/2021

Full Street Address	Price	Concessions Amt	Days on Market	Beds	Baths
6 Glyndon Ct	\$330,000		4	4	2 + 2/2
504 Deacon Brook Cir	\$345,000	\$3,200	10	4	2 1/2
517 Glen Granite Rd	\$270,000	\$15,000	10	3	2
Average	\$315,000	\$9,100	8		

CHARTLEY ACTIVE, COMING SOON & UNDER CONTRACT as of 2/9/21

Status	Current Price	Full Street Address	DOM	Beds	Baths
PND	\$350,000	307 Sacred Heart Ln	4	4	2 1/2
PND	\$320,000	512 Glen Granite Rd	3	4	2 1/2
C/S	\$399,500	206 Bond Ave	0	3	3 1/2
PND	\$340,000	217 Bentley Hill Dr	3	4	3 1/2
PND	\$345,000	210 Sacred Heart Ln	7	4	2 1/2
Average	\$350,900		3.4		

NOTE: the price listed for Active, C/S and U/C is not necessarily the sold price.
That will be known at closing.

Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc

Membership Application

2020/2021 2021/2022
7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

Enclosed are my membership dues for year(s):

Annual Dues - \$10:00 per Household

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

Name (s) (Print): _____ Address: _____ Home No.: _____ Cell 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)
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