



THE ECHATTER

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Chartley Homeowners Association

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Continue to...
Stay Safe.
Stay Healthy.

June 2021

Dining at Reter's

DINING at RETER'S was not a fund raiser this year but an opportunity to celebrate Spring, with family and friends, while enjoying a great in-restaurant meal.

Brad Reter thanks his many Chartley friends for their support during our Dining at Reter's event during the week of May 16th to 22nd.

Brad was unable to obtain an accurate count of Chartley residents who ate in **Reter's Crab House and Grille** that week. He said they collected many coupons for shrimp cocktail that were only found in our Chatter.

It was good to see Chartley support Reter's, as Brad is a resident who supports the Chartley Homeowners Association and the Reisterstown community.

2021 Annual CHA Yard Sale

"It's about time" said one of our residents who participated in our Annual Yard Sale this year. And she was right too. The last time we had this event, which was in 2019, it rained most of the time, and of course, we weren't able to hold it last year due to the COVID situation. In fact, we weren't really sure if we would be able to have it again this year, but, in the end, everything worked out very well.

Eighteen Chartley residents participated in the event which was held on May 15th. That is 10 more than we had participating in 2019. Seven residents pre-registered for this year's event, but only 6 of those actually participated. In addition to the 6 that preregistered, 12 residents who did not pre-register participated.

In addition, the weather was absolutely fantastic. That too was a welcome change from the rain we had during our event in both 2018 and 2019.

National Night Out

Tuesday, AUGUST 3rd is the date for our Annual **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** Celebration in the Chartley Shopping Center. NNO was developed to build a relationship between residents and police while developing a true sense of community. Activities kick-off with the opening ceremony by the U S Army Color Guard at 6:30 pm.

National Night Out will be a "socially responsible" event. Display tables will be socially distanced and hand sanitizers will be readily available.



Over forty groups have been invited with almost half responding favorably. Most of the state and county departments have not responded as they await authorization to be able to travel to community events.

NNO will be a fun family affair. There will be **FREE** snacks from **Chick-Fil-A** and **Mission BBQ** and an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages. Free gift card raffles from local merchants and restaurants. Games, for children, teens and adults, along with interesting displays from our local police, fire departments, emergency preparedness teams, health departments, community organizations and much more.

Volunteers are always needed. If you have time in midafternoon to help set up, or between 5 and 6:30 pm, or during the event from 6:30 to 8:30 pm., or after 8:30 pm to assist in the take down process, please contact us at presidentofcha@gmail.com.

You may learn more information on National Night Out in the July Chatter, or on our Facebook page, or on the web at <https://nnoreisterstown.wixsite.com/nno-reisterstown>.

Crime In Chartley

It's hard to believe that it's June already. Normally by this time of the year, we are enjoying much warmer weather than we've had so far in 2021. The colder weather hasn't stopped the pollen count though, nor has it stopped the bad guys from plying their trade. Car thefts have increased in our precinct and there have been numerous reports of speeding throughout the area, including Chartley. As the weather starts to warm up again, we anticipate that deception burglaries will increase and that the bad guys pretending to be sales people, utility workers, county inspectors, tree trimmers, or even government officials, will use every ploy to deceive us in every way possible. 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 have received several reports of dirt bikes being ridden on our streets again. As we have indicated in the past, these bikes are illegal and dangerous. We need to get them off of our streets before someone gets hurt. The riders of these bikes usually disregard all the rules of the road and seem to care less about the safety of other people. If you should see one of these bikes, **call 911 immediately**. Try to get a description of the bikes, and the riders, as well as the direction of travel. If possible, the police are most interested in getting pictures.

Theft from vehicles continues to be a problem throughout the County. Many of these reports indicate that the theft occurred from **unlocked vehicles**. Please always take the time to lock your vehicle every time you leave it, and then re-check to make sure that it's locked. It only takes about 30 seconds for a thief to steal your property from an unlocked vehicle.

Pedestrian safety continues to be a major concern particularly along Main Street in Reisterstown. **State law specifies that VEHICLES MUST STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS WHO ARE CROSSING A STREET WITHIN A MARKED PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK.** Recent enforcement activities by the police of this requirement resulted in a number of citations. The police are also enforcing the speed limit along Main Street. Taken together, enforcing the speed limit and the state

law regarding pedestrian right of way will improve the safety of everyone in this area.

Historically, statistics have shown that crime increases when the weather is warm. Since we are expecting the weather to be pretty warm for the next three months, we need to strengthen our resolve to keep our community free from crime. This cannot be accomplished by the either the police or our **Citizens on Patrol Program**. Crime Prevention must start at each individual home. That means each one of you who are reading this at this moment. So please take a moment and ask yourself if you have done everything you can to prevent you and your family from becoming a victim of crime. In that regard, please review the following **Crime Prevention Tips** and make them a part of your crime prevention plan:

- **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.**

CHA Is on Facebook!

For information on events happening within our community, and ways that you can be involved, follow us on **Facebook at ChartleyHomeownersAssociation**.

Do you have Facebook friends that are part of our Chartley community? Invite them to get connected too! To invite someone to follow CHA, start by going to our CHA page, click on the icon with the three dots (by the search icon), select "Invite Friends", then search for their names, and click "Send Invite". That's it!

We look forward to connecting with you there!

For Your Information:

Infrastructure Work Has Started in Reisterstown!

BGE replacing gas lines underground

You may have noticed throughout the streets of Chartley the construction trucks as they work up and down streets replacing the gas lines. You may have them also contact you about replacing your gas meter and they will need to gain entrance to your home. This is scheduled upgrade work for the community and not the result of any gas leaks or problems. This scheduled maintenance work should prevent issues by replacing aging equipment in place since the 1960s when Chartley was built. Just be prepared to follow directions through one lane sections or drive around closed sections until the work is completed.

SHA replacing water pipes on Reisterstown Road from Pleasant Hill Road north to Stocksdale Road. This project is in the Construction Phase.

This is a joint MDOT SHA/Baltimore County Department of Public Works project to install a new water transmission main installation and construct highway drainage, safety and pavement improvements along MD 140 (Reisterstown Road) between Pleasant Hill Road and Stocksdale Avenue.

The total project length is approximately 2.6 miles. The work will consist of the following:

- Roadway excavation and installation of new 16" and 20" water transmission mains
- Replacement and repair of existing drainage inlets and pipes as needed
- Reconstruction of concrete curb and gutter as needed
- Reconstruction of concrete sidewalk ramps, segments of sidewalks, and driveway aprons/tie-ins as needed to meet current ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.
- Upgrades to metal traffic barriers (guardrail) and traffic barrier end treatments. along the roadway
- Upgrades to traffic signal systems along MD 140 within the project limits
- Roadway pavement repair, pavement resurfacing and installation of new pavement markings
- Upgrades to traffic signs as needed

The project began June 1, 2021. Weather and other construction factors permitting, the project will be complete spring 2024. You may wonder how this will inconvenience you and when to find detours around it. The underground water line replacement work on MD 140 will be done first, followed by construction of highway safety improvements and roadway resurfacing.

Construction Lane Closure schedule:

Daytime Lane Closures (Monday-Friday) causing single lane closures between 9am – 3pm.

Overnight Lane Closures (Sunday-Thursday nights) causing single lane closures between 9pm - 5am the next morning with double lane closures and traffic lane shifts at anytime between 10pm and 5am.

Master Plan 2030: Meetings were held virtually for each council district during this past month. Currently, county planners are preparing for meetings with community groups to further explore interests as it develops the vision and strategies for the County over the next 10 years. The focus for this plan will be on three major ideas:

Equity: being inclusive in decision-making, ensuring equitable distribution of resources and creating opportunity for all.

Sustainability: ensuring the long-term sustainability of the County's public and internal government infrastructure and safeguarding the County's ecology and climate.

Vibrant Communities: ensuring that all residents

have access to high-quality and affordable housing, cultural, and recreational opportunities in safe communities while promoting responsible economic development.

In the fall of 2021, the county will release a draft master plan for public review and the final master plan will be submitted in 2022 for Council approval.

The **Baltimore County Budget for 2021-2022:** was approved by the County Council without cutting any items. Some capital improvement highlights of this \$4.2 Billion Budget that particularly help our area are funds for Franklin Woodlands Trail, Hannah More Park: Playground Replacement, Hannah More Center Mechanical Upgrades (Design & Replacement) Reisterstown Library Renovation, Reisterstown Sportsplex Expansion for a 2nd Ice Hockey rink, Reisterstown Regional Park: refurbish natural turf field, Kiwanis Field: Delight Quarry Parking Expansion

Reisterstown Main Street

Work continues with 1st Saturday of the month Main Street Cleanups with volunteers meeting at 9am in the Landmark Shopping parking and the 2nd 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 18th** ... mark your calendar to come celebrate.

Progress continues on the renovations at the Reisterstown library with hopes of opening late summer so they may be opening to the public as the trail celebrates its opening.

Farmer's Market

The market is **now** open on the Main Street side of Franklin Middle School Sundays from 9am – 1pm and will be held each Sunday until **November 21st**.

Vendors are being added each week so always something different to see.

Let's shop local and eat well in 2021!



Summer 2021 has started VERY loud in Reisterstown as Cicadas emerged from below ground.

Reisterstown now has a favorite one in its new landscaped garden at the corner of Cockey's Mill and Main Street. A local artist, **Crystal Micriotti** wanted to keep her creation local and we are happy to be on the "Cicada Parade-a" program with **IndiGLOW**. The program expects to have 100 unique creations all over the state.



Be sure to take a look the next time you are on Main Street.

FREE MOBILE MEALS!



FOOD THAT IS IN WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT

FOR YOUTH 18 YEARS OLD AND UNDER
JUNE 28 – AUGUST 20, 2021

MONDAY – FRIDAY

COME JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Mobile Meal Sites	Address	Start Time	End Time
Franklin Middle	10 Cockey's Mill Road	11:30	12:15
Glyndon Elementary	445 Glyndon Dr	12:30	1:15

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."

-- Albert Einstein

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.

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

Membership

Have you seen our new memberships signs around the community? Please take a minute and join with your neighbors to make our community great! Membership is just \$10 a year and helps us meet our organizational needs. More importantly, a high percentage of our community being members lets our county and state officials know when we have an active vibrant community. **Make sure you are counted!**



Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc

Membership Application

Enclosed are my membership dues for year(s):
Annual Dues - \$10.00 per Household

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

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

<p>Name (s) (Print): _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Home No.: _____ Cell No.: _____</p> <p>E-Mail Address: _____</p>	<p>Make check payable to: Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc.</p> <p>Mail application to: P.O. Box 408, Reisterstown, MD. 21136-0408</p> <p>For questions call: Betsy at 410-833-5523</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord</p>	
<p>Volunteers are Welcomed</p>	<p>I (we) will help with:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning/Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> ROG Representative</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Citizens on Patrol (COP)</p>