



# THE CHATTER

An Electronic Publication for the Members of the  
Chartley Homeowners Association

[www.chartleyhomeowners.org](http://www.chartleyhomeowners.org)

## Upcoming Events

- 4/ 4 – Chartley Stream Clean Up
- 4/30 – General Meeting

## March 2020

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When: Saturday, April 4, 2020 from  
9 am to noon

Where: Sacred Heart Lane Bridge between  
Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road

Why: Clean the Chartley Stream

The “Chartley Stream” flows eastward from beneath Shirley Manor Road, through the restored steam area, and joins other streams near the rail road tracks in the Gwynn Falls Watershed. When it rains storm water carries whatever is in the street storm drains and lawns into the Gwynn Falls Watershed and ultimately into the Chesapeake Bay. Debris from our streets and yards contributes to algae blooms and trash that accumulates in the Chesapeake Bay.

Failure to keep our stream clean is an eye-sore for residents, sets a poor example for our children, and decreases the property values of the homes in the Chartley community.

Everyone is invited to help. No specific skills are required. On the job training is available. Meet your neighbors at the bridge on Sacred Heart Lane, between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road, at 9 am. on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Don’t forget to wear hard soled shoes or boots and clothing suitable for the weather. Gloves will be provided. For additional information call **Dan at 410-833-3197**.

### Kiwanis Paper Shredding

The annual Kiwanis Paper Shredding will be held on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 1 pm. In front of OFFICE DEPOT in the Cherryvale Shopping Center.** There is no charge for this service but donations are accepted.

### Nominations for Officers

The spring, bi-annual general meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Reisterstown Elementary School. We will be electing our officers for next year to serve from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Each year we ask the community to offer names for nomination. The nominating committee really needs your help because we are looking for new ideas and fresh views to keep us a viable organization speaking about the safety issues in Chartley.

Please take a moment and consider volunteering with the organization to continue making this a great community. If you don’t have the time, you might know a neighbor to recommend.

### Dining at Reter's

**New Date – Wednesday, May 6th**

Celebrate the arrival of spring by enjoying lunch and/or dinner at **Reter's Crab House & Grille on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** and help your homeowners association **raise money for its scholarship fund.**

It is easy to participate. Just bring your significant other, your children and meet your friends and neighbors at Reter's on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> for lunch/and or dinner. Identify yourself as a Dining at Reter's participant. You may order any food and beverage item from their vast menu including specials of the day. **Brad Reter**, CHA member, will donate 10% of the in house restaurant receipts to the Chartley Homeowners Association for the scholarship program. Carry out orders are excluded.

**Reter's** has been recognized by **Baltimore Magazine** as one of the best crab houses in Maryland but it has many non-seafood specials. Wednesday's specials include sliced Bourbon Grilled Prime Rib sand-

wich and a 12 ounce Prime Rib. Seafood, steaks, chicken and burger specials are also on the daily menu.

Change the date on your calendar. Dining at Reter's will be held on **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## CHA 2020 Yard Sale

This year's spring yard sale is scheduled on two successive weekends to give residents who wish to participate the opportunity to get rid of things they no longer want or need. Once again, we are partnering with **Country Club Estates Community Association** to bring this event to **BOTH** communities. A two community event such as this usually draws more potential buyers than a single community event, and, we have found that being able to publish the locations of participants helps to increase the number of shoppers.

This year's Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for the following two dates:

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

**Saturday, May 23, 2020**

### To Pre-Register

We are asking all who wish to participate to pre-register by going to <http://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 number, 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.**

Any items that do not sell, or cannot be donated, can be brought to our dumpsters on our **combined Cleanup Day and Electronics Recycling Day** event which is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th, behind the old Mars Food Store in the Reisterstown Shopping Center located at 11953 Reisterstown Road.

### Fall Yard Sale

We are in the process of determining dates for our Fall Yard Sale event which will also be a joint venture with Country Club Estates Community Association. We will let you know as soon as those dates are finalized, so stay tuned!

## 2020 Combined Annual Clean Up Day and Electronics Recycling Day

Our Annual Clean Up Day and Electronics Recycling Day event is just a few months away and we are busy making all the necessary arrangements. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, June 20th, behind the old Mars Food Store at 11953 Reisterstown Road, in Reisterstown Md., 21136, between the hours of 9 AM and Noon or until the dumpsters are full, whichever comes first.**

All electronic items received at this event will be properly recycled. All other items disposed at this event (Community Clean Up Day items) will be taken to a County facility for disposal according to County requirements.

This event has always been very popular throughout the entire area because it gives residents the opportunity to easily dispose of unwanted or unusable items instead of either taking them to the County landfill or hiring someone to haul the items away. It's a real win/win situation for everyone and it helps us to keep our community clean which helps improve property values. So mark your calendars now so that you can take advantage of this great opportunity.

We will provide you with detailed information in each issue of the regular Chatter and eChatter beginning with the **April** edition.

**We are looking for volunteers to help us at this event. The work is easy and will help you give back to your community. Students who need Community Service Hours are encouraged to consider joining us. Please contact Dave Powers at [davidlpowers@verizon.net](mailto:davidlpowers@verizon.net) for more information.**

If you have fear of some pain or suffering, you should examine whether there is anything you can do about it. If you can, there is no need to worry about it; if you cannot do anything, then there is also no need to worry.

**—Dalai Lama**

## National Night Out

Mark your calendar on **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** for the annual National Night Out celebration. This year's event will be BIGGER and BETTER than in the past. Groups are already signing up to participate.

Early plans point to a fun filled evening for residents of all ages. Confirmed are free snacks from **Chick fil-A** and **Mission BBQ**, snow balls, games, raffles and informative displays. Mascots, face painters, **Scales and Tales**, and a draw and paint wall are close to a reality.

It's not too late to join our committee. Fresh ideas are always welcome. Contact **Ernie at erschmidhauser@comcast.net** or by cell at **410-596-8425**.

Follow our plans in future Chatters or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pg/NNO.Reisterstown](http://www.facebook.com/pg/NNO.Reisterstown) or on the web at <https://nnoreisterstown.wixsite.com/nno-reisterstown>

## Crime in Chartley

To say the least, February was NOT a good month for Chartley, at least from a crime perspective, as our residents reported 8 crimes within our community. There were 4 thefts reported and 3 cases of vandalism, which brings our year to date total to 10, as compared to 6 for the same period last year (see chart below). This increase in crime in our community is not the way we want to go, nor can we tolerate it. We cannot let the criminal element believe that we are careless, or not alert. If we do, we can expect to see our crime rate soar.

Type of Crime	Jan	Feb	Total
Theft	2	4	<b>6</b>
Breaking and Entering	0	1	<b>1</b>
Property Crime (Destruction (i.e. Vandalism)	0	3	<b>3</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>

Three of the vandalism cases reported during February were actually the result of a group of individuals going thru Chartley, and parts of other communities, shooting out vehicle windows with a BB or pellet gun. Some videos of these culprits were obtained and turned over to the police, who successfully arrested suspects and confiscated a BB gun. While very

unfortunate that this incident occurred, it is also a reminder of the value of security cameras in today's environment. They are relatively inexpensive, act as a deterrent to criminals, as well as to door to door sales people and very valuable in helping the police to arrest the bad guys when crimes do occur. We strongly recommend that you give them some consideration to add another level of safety and security to your home. While these three incidents were unfortunate, and not the result of resident inattentiveness or carelessness, they do illustrate the fact that crime can hit anywhere, at any time. Even if we delete these 3 crimes from the crimes shown in the chart above, our year to date total would still be higher than last year at the same time. We still have work to do!

Now that spring is almost here, our attention will naturally turn to outside activities. We will see more children outside playing and leaving their toys, particularly their bicycles, wherever they are. Please encourage children to at least put their bicycles out of sight when they come inside, even if it is only for a few minutes. We have always had a number of bicycles reported stolen each year during warmer weather particularly on Highmeadow Road and Homevale Road. And be alert to anyone knocking on your door. We are getting reports that door to door sales people are already out and about. Be careful when dealing with these people. **If in doubt, let the police check it out!** Remember too, that our being alert does NOT stop at our property line! We must always be alert wherever we are, and report anything we see that appears suspicious by calling 911 right away. Once again, we are listing the tried and true Crime Prevention measures that will help you to avoid becoming a crime 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 valuables in your vehicles**
- **Be aware of your surroundings wherever you are, particularly when you are outside or shopping after dark**
- **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 fol-**

low 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 2020 Calendar of Events			
Project	Location	Date	Time
Project Clean Stream	Sacred Heart Lane, between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road	Saturday, April 4, 2020	9:00 am to Noon
Kiwanis Shredding Day	Cherryvale Shopping Center (Office Depot)	April 18, 2020	8:00 am to Noon
CHA General Meeting	Reisterstown Elementary School	Thursday, April 30, 2020 <b>(This is a Change)</b>	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Dining At Reter's	Reter's Crab House	Wednesday, May 6, 2020 <b>(This is a Change)</b>	11:00 am to 9:00 pm
Bloomin' Art Fest	Franklin Middle School	Saturday, May 9, 2020	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
CHA Yard Sale	Residents Yards	Saturday, May 16, 2020	8:00 am to Residents Discretion.
CHA Yard Sale	Residents Yards	Saturday, May 23, 2020	8:00 am to Residents Discretion.
Clean Up & Electronic Recycling Day	Behind the old Mars Food Store	Saturday, June 20, 2020	9:00 am to Noon
National Night Out	Chartley Park Shopping Center	Tuesday, August 4, 2020	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Reisterstown Festival Parade	Main St. to Hannah More	Saturday, September 12, 2020	8:00 am
CHA Crab Feast	American Legion Post 116 1090 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, MD	Saturday, October 17, 2020 <b>(This is a change)</b>	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
CHA General Meeting	Reisterstown Elementary School	Thursday, October 22, 2020 <b>(Tentative)</b>	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
CHA Executive Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company, Main St., 7:00-8:30 PM. <u>All are welcome.</u>			

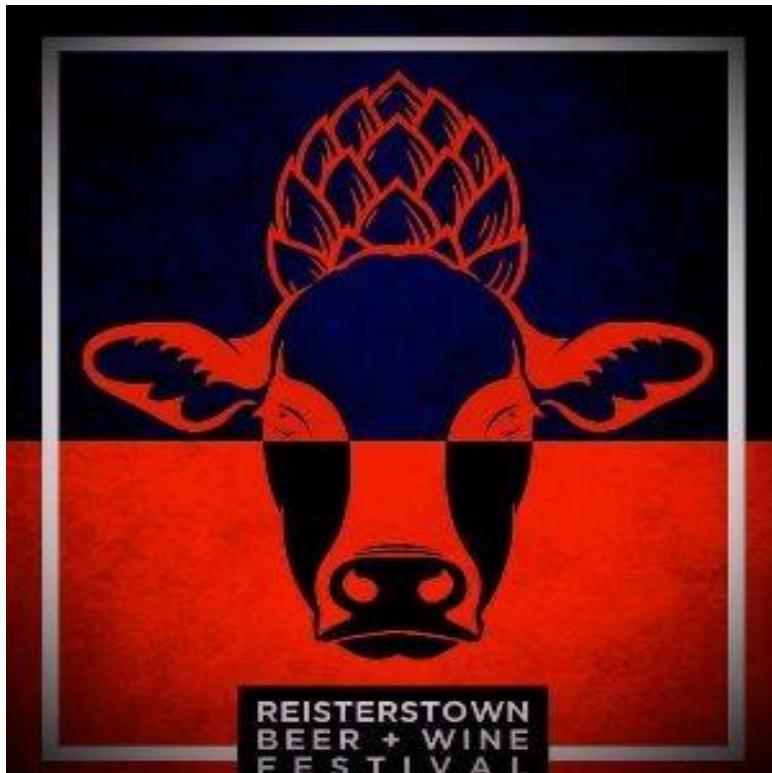
### Block Captain Needed for Homevale Road

The CHA needs someone to deliver the **Chartley Chatter** to 47 homes on or near Homevale Road. The deliveries will only need to be made once a quarter when we publish the Chatter. If you are willing to provide this service, please contact **Anne Yambor** at [yamborc@verizon.net](mailto:yamborc@verizon.net).

## **Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc. (RIA)**

### **Spring 2020 Events**

**Mark your calendar to come share time with friends and family**



#### **Reisterstown Beer + Wine Festival**

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 12pm - 5pm  
(Rain or Shine!)**

**Intersection of Village Center Road  
and Historic Main Street**

**Tickets: Advanced Purchase: \$30**

**At the Door: \$40**

**Unlimited Samples**

**Free Commemorative Cup**



#### **Reisterstown Bloomin' ArtFest**

**Saturday, May 9th  
10am – 5pm**

**Franklin Middle School,  
Main Street Lawn**

**Come get that special gift for Mother's Day,  
enjoy the music, food and community.**

#### **Two Special Opportunities to Help Main Street Each Month:**

**Clean-Up Day** is always the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. Join us at Landmark Shopping Center (in front of Reter's Crab House) on Saturday, starting at 9:00am to clean Main Street. For more information about how you/or a group to which you belong can participate, contact **Dan Carey**, [shaneybrook@hotmail.com](mailto:shaneybrook@hotmail.com)

**Franklin Woodland Trail Project** revitalization continues with more mulch laying and path defining. Donations are coming in and a grant was awarded to celebrate a Grand Opening.

If you have time, mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9am to meet other volunteers near the bridge behind the library.