



# THE eCHATTER

An Electronic Publication for Members of the  
Chartley Homeowners Association

November 2017

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The **eChatter** is an electronic publication that will supplement the 4-times-a-year **Chartley Chatter**. The eChatter will be emailed to paid up members of the Association in those months that the Chatter is not distributed to all Chartley households.

**Note:** There will be **NO** December Executive Board Meeting or a December eChatter.

## Precinct 03/Franklin Police & Community Relations Council

Recently, there appear to be many residents expressing the notion that “Reisterstown is going downhill” with respect to the frequency and types of crimes committed in the area. If this is you, please consider attending a meeting of the **Franklin Police & Community Relations Council (PCRC)**.

There are 10 police precincts in Baltimore County and each precinct currently has an active PCRC. PCRCs are composed of community groups, businesses, and concerned citizens. The Franklin PCRC acts as a support group for Precinct 03 and its assigned personnel. The PCRC assists the Baltimore County Police Department in educating citizens on how to reduce and prevent crime and serves as a liaison between the Baltimore County Police Department and the community.

The Franklin PCRC’s goal is to make the Precinct 03 community a safer place to live through mutual understanding of police and citizen concerns. It provides a structured forum where law enforcement offi-

cial and citizens can come together to discuss concerns in their neighborhoods.

The Franklin PCRC meets at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. During odd numbered months (e.g., January), meetings are at the Reisterstown Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library (21 Cockeyes Mill Road, Reisterstown, MD). During even numbered months (e.g., February), meetings are at the Precinct 03/Franklin Station (606 Nicodemus Road, Reisterstown, MD). We know that everyone leads busy lives. However, in exchange for about an hour-and-a-half of your time once a month, you can obtain valuable information concerning crime trends in your neighborhood, crime prevention, and resources available to assist you. You will also have the opportunity to provide material and moral support to your local police officers.

Our next meeting will be held at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 21, 2017**, at the Reisterstown Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library (21 Cockeyes Mill Road), Reisterstown. All meetings are open to everyone.

For more information, please contact the **Franklin PCRC Director, Brad Sharpless**, at [bvsharpless@hotmail.com](mailto:bvsharpless@hotmail.com) or call the Franklin Station at **410-887-6985**.

## Kidde Recalls More Than 40 Million Fire Extinguishers

**Kidde** has recalled more than 40 million fire extinguishers used in home, vehicles and boats because they can become clogged or fail to discharge during a fire.

The company has received one report of a related death in 2014, when a fire extinguisher failed to work during a car fire. There have been 16 injuries, 91 reports of property damage and 391 reports of the extinguishers not working at all or not working proper-

ly. The recall includes 134 models dating back to 1973 through August 2017. (Source Consumer Reports)

So, what do you do? If you have a Kidde fire extinguisher with a plastic handle or push button activation it is most likely in the recall. You can contact Kidde on their web site and follow instructions to complete a replacement form. If you need additional assistance you can call [Kidde at 855-271-0733](tel:855-271-0733). Kidde will replace your extinguisher free of charge and provide information on how to return the suspected defective unit.

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## 2018 Chartley Homeowners Association Scholarships

If your family has a senior in high school and the parents of the student are homeowners in the Chartley Development and reside in Chartley, you should consider having that student apply for a **Chartley Homeowners Association Scholarship**.



We offer two \$1000 scholarships for academic achievement and community service: the **Joseph S. Molinaro Memorial Scholarship** and the **Phyllis L. Daly Memorial Scholarship**.

In order for a student to be considered for a scholarship, the household must be a dues-paying member of the Chartley Homeowners Association and membership dues must be current as of **January 31, 2018**.

The details for applying for either scholarship and the Application Request Form will appear in the **January 2018 Chatter**.

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## Crime in Chartley

October was the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight month in which the Chartley Crime Clock has lagged behind the disastrous pace of last year. As of the end of October, Chartley had recorded a total of 47 crimes that had been reported year to date, as compared to 60 for the same period in 2016. We slowed the old clock down, but still need bring it to a complete standstill. Of the

47 crimes reported so far this year, the most prevalent were destruction of property...also called vandalism (17), general theft (11), and 9 were home burglaries. These were followed by non-domestic assault (4), theft from vehicles (2), armed robbery (2), id theft (1), and credit card misuse (1). As has been the case for all of last year as well as for all of this year, there does not appear to be any discernible pattern to these crimes in that they have been happening all thru our community, at varying times of the day and night, involve all types of crimes, and appear to be crimes of opportunity as opposed to selected targets.

Now that the colder weather is arriving, the police are expecting to see an increase in **theft of vehicles** that typically occurs when people attempt to warm up their vehicles while they wait inside their homes. The police have asked us to remind everyone that leaving a vehicle running unattended can not only result in the theft of your vehicle, but can also result in a \$70 fine. Now that is not a good way to start your day!

Further, we are now entering the Holiday Season which has historically been that time of year when crimes such as robbery, theft, theft of and from vehicles, and home burglaries increase dramatically throughout the County. The 'bad guys' are helped in plying their trade during that time because of the shorter daylight hours which gives them a better opportunity to avoid detection.

So, please follow the simple guidelines below to help keep you from becoming a crime victim:

- **Lock it up, each time, every time.**
- **Keep the outside of your house illuminated after dark**
- **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.**
- **If in doubt, let the police check it out**
- **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**

Now may also be a very good time to consider a home camera security system. Criminals tend to shy away from homes that have such a system and they

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are a great help in the event something does happen around your home. In that regard, the manager of the T-Mobile store located in the Chartley Park Shopping Center on Chartley Drive has notified us that they will give any Chartley resident a 10% discount on the installation of a professional security camera system consisting of 4 high definition cameras mounted to a resident's home. These cameras can be controlled from your cell phone or computer giving you the ability to see what is happening around your home in real time 24/7/365. This security package comes complete with a 1 TB NVR recording device. I have recently seen similar cameras at several big box electronics stores that cost between \$150 and \$200 each, and that does not include the cost of installation. If you are interested in this offer, please call 443-713-0000 and mention that you saw this article in the Chartley Chatter in order to get the discounted price.

But the bad news is that we started November off with 2 crimes being reported right away.

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## Crime Prevention Tips for The Holiday Season

The tips below are primarily concerned with helping you stay safe while you are out and about during the busy Holiday Season. For a complete list of Crime Prevention Tips please see our website at [chartleyhomeowners.org/uploads/2/0/4/1/20415953/crime\\_prevention\\_tips\\_master.pdf](http://chartleyhomeowners.org/uploads/2/0/4/1/20415953/crime_prevention_tips_master.pdf)

### When Shopping

- **Always be alert to your surroundings.**
- Park your car only in well-lit areas.
- **Avoid parking beside a vehicle larger or longer than your own.**
- Shop in pairs or groups, particularly after dark.
- **Carry a cell phone and report suspicious activity by dialing 911 immediately.**
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash – use debit card or credit card instead. Try to use the new chip based credit cards instead of the old magnetic strip based credit cards.
- **Store purchased items in trunk of car or out of sight.**
- Never leave valuables or electronic equipment,

including computer equipment, GPS devices (including mounts), cameras, IPODS, garage door openers, in plain sight in unattended vehicles.

- **Do not give your social security number, or any other personal information, to anyone – a legitimate business or organization should not need your social security number.**
- Check all credit charges against your monthly credit card statement. Immediately call your credit card company if there are suspicious charges or if you cannot reconcile your account.
- **Women should never place their purse in a shopping cart. Leaving a purse in a shopping cart is an easy target for a thief. Ideally, a purse with a shoulder strap should be used and worn under a coat. If you have a cell phone, carry it in a coat pocket instead of leaving it in your purse. It's also a good idea to carry credit cards and other means of id in a pocket instead of leaving them in your purse.**
- Leave both outside and inside lights on when you leave your home to go shopping. This will help discourage thieves from entering your home while you are away and provide more security to you when you return.
- **Notify a trusted neighbor when you are going away, even for a short time. Using the “buddy system” to watch each other's home while you, or they, are away, is one of the most effective deterrents to avoid a home burglary.**

### Package Deliveries

- If you have a package that is going to be delivered to your home, try to contact the delivery company (e.g. UPS, FedEx, etc.) to make arrangements to have the package delivered when you are at home. If you can't be at home when you think a package is going to be delivered to your house, alert a neighbor and ask them to secure the package for you until you return.
- Never leave a note for the delivery company to leave the package somewhere else on your property other than your front porch, or at your front door.

We hope that all of you will have a happy and safe Holiday Season. Adopting the above practices will help everyone to do just that.



# Holly Fair

## November 18, 2017

9 AM to 4 PM

A Juried Arts and Crafts Show



Ashby's Agates  
 Creations by Pat  
 Mud Pi Studios/BL Teas  
 Partnership Crafts  
 Anne's Handmade Accessories  
 May You Find Beauty  
 Dianne's Designs  
 Cherith Brook Crafts  
 Lola's Designs  
 Darling Tanya  
 Jill's Jams Mixes & More  
 Bent Wrapped and Hammered  
 Dos Gatos Artisan Jewelry  
 Linda's Leaves  
 Into the Woods  
 William's Mom  
 Block Paper Scissors  
 The Chocolate Connection, Inc.

Laura Laird  
 Butler Watercolor Society  
 Bill's Sports Crafts  
 SugaMama's Gifts  
 Laura Moore Designs  
 Glass by Mitch  
 Blue Horse Country Crafts  
 Transformation Candles  
 Button-Down Times  
 Mango and Main  
 Royal Heritage  
 Color My Bliss  
 Thursday's Girls  
 The Clay Monet  
 Joyful Images LLC  
 Angelic Design Jewelry  
 Warren Wilson Photos  
 CaroLove Soaps



Café • Baked Goods • Vendor Prizes • Grand Door Prize

Reisterstown United Methodist Church

246 Main Street

\$3 Admission • Under 12 free  
Free Parking in Rear



Contact Linda Finley at 410-258-9567  
RUMCHollyFair@gmail.com www.RUMCweb.org

Proceeds support local mission and outreach projects



Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



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### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25



**STOP** at the Reisterstown Improvement Association

Welcome Station to pick up your Free Tote Bag

223 Main Street – in front of Bransfield Motors

**SHOP - STROLL** along Main Street 11am - 4pm

**DINE** at one of our restaurants -- as well as --

pick up free snacks & drinks at the Welcome Station

P.O. Box 856, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

443-226-8879

<http://www.reisterstown.com>

Reisterstown Improvement Association

# Holidays on Main Street

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Work on that shopping list as you “**Stop, Shop, Stroll & Dine**” on Main Street and make one of those stops the **Ski Shop** at 202 Main Street around 3pm for some crafts, snacks, time and pictures with Santa and a **Christmas Tree Lighting** as well as a **Menorah Lighting** ceremony.

## Clean Main Street



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If you have time to help, come at 9am to the Landmark Shopping Center (lot in front of Reter's Crab House).

We will provide vests, gloves, and trash bags and we are usually finished by 11am.

## Chartley Banner on Main Street

Once again Chartley supports Main Street efforts for the town by purchasing a banner. Wreaths bring the holiday spirit to town and were hung with the help of some of our community volunteers. **Thanks to everyone!**



## Baltimore County Public School Holiday Schedule

### Thanksgiving Holiday

-- Schools closed Thursday & Friday,  
November 22-23

### Elementary Conference Day

– Elementary schools closed Friday, November 30

### Christmas Holiday/Winter Break

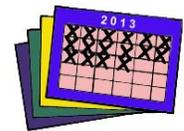
– Friday, December 21 reopen Wednesday, January 2

### Martin Luther King Holiday

– Monday, January 21, 2018

## Chartley Homeowners Association

## Events Calendar



There is **NO** Executive Board Meeting in December.

**January 9, 2018 – Executive Board Meeting**  
– 7:00 pm – Reisterstown Vol. Fire Company.

**February 13, 2018 – Executive Board Meeting**  
– 7:00 pm – Reisterstown Vol. Fire Company.

**March 13, 2018 – Executive Board Meeting**  
– 7:00 pm – Reisterstown Vol. Fire Company.

**April 10, 2018 – Executive Board Meeting**  
– 7:00 pm – Reisterstown Vol. Fire Company.

**April 26, 2018 (Tentative) – CHA General Meeting**  
– 7:00 pm – All Saints Episcopal Church.



If you would like to announce your **upcoming community event** in the **January Chatter**, email the information to [chatterstaff@comcast.net](mailto:chatterstaff@comcast.net) by January 5th.