



THE ECHATTER

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Chartley Neighborhood Association
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Stay Safe.
Stay Healthy.

February 2023

Clean Our Stream

You are invited to join CNA and your neighbors in cleaning our “**CHARTLEY STREAM**” on **Saturday, April 1st from 9 am to noon**. Meet us at the bridge on Sacred Heart Lane, between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road.

Everyone may participate. Prior experience is **NOT** required. On-the-job training is provided.

Don't forget to wear hard soled shoes or boots and clothing suitable for the weather. Gloves will be provided.

Call Ernie at 410-596-8425 or email him at erschmidhauser@comcast.net for details.



President's Message

Happy belated Valentine's Day! My wife and I celebrated with a steak dinner at home as we have done for many years. I never seemed prepared enough to make dinner reservations in advance and when I called every place was full. But to each his own. We enjoyed our dinner for two. We in Reisterstown are fortunate though in that there are a number of very good restaurants in the area, which friends of our not in Reisterstown will travel here to enjoy. I encourage you to take a night out and sample them.

The first half of February has been off to an interesting start. There was Valentine's Day, the Super Bowl, Orioles Spring Training starting and a suspected spy balloon and, as of this writing, three unidentified anomalous phenomenon shot down by US aircraft. One thing we haven't had is snow. Whether it's global warming or wild swings in the Jet stream or another anomalous phenomenon, it is unusual to have

no measurable snow by this point. While it has been good for commuters, I feel for children who haven't had an opportunity to break out their sleds and tubes and head for the hills. Also, there are people who can use the extra money earned by plowing or shoveling snow. While still in the grips of inflation, that income would certainly be helpful.

Winter is far from over and I saw a projection for possible snow late in February or early March. It's too far away to be a certainty but if it comes, there are a few things to remember. We are responsible by law to clear our sidewalks. Also, to be good neighbors, help the elderly, sick or disabled with their sidewalks and driveways. Chartley has always been a neighborhood of charitable people helping others.

Check the CNA calendar of events (**Page 4**) for participation opportunities beginning with **Project Clean Stream** on April 1st.

Joe

National Night Out

Mark your calendar on **Tuesday, August 1st** for an evening of family fun, entertainment, games, snacks and information. August first is the date of our Annual National Night Out celebration in the Chartley Shopping Center, lower parking lot, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

NNO is the neighborhood's excuse to party, play games, socialize with neighbors while obtaining information on crime and drug abuse prevention, health, safety, emergency preparedness and community programs. It is an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make our neighborhood safer and a more caring place to live. National Night out is credited with enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Planning this year's event is well under way but your suggestions are always welcome. Call **President Joe**, or any committee member, or send an email to presidentofcha@gmail.com with your thoughts and ideas on how we may make our NNO the best in the county.

Free Paper Shredding

The Kiwanis Club of Reisterstown will hold its **Annual FREE PAPER SHREDDING on Saturday, April 22nd** from 8 am to 11 am **in the Chartley Shopping Center Parking Lot**, at the middle entrance.

There is no charge or limit on the amount of paper you can shred. Staples and paper clips do **NOT** have to be removed.

Crime In Chartley

One crime was reported in Chartley during January, which was a theft. However, Chartley residents also filed reports for suspicious vehicles, suspicious persons, check on location, etc. While these are not considered as crimes, such reports are an indication that our residents are keeping their eyes open and calling 911 whenever they see something out of the

ordinary. And that is what we are asking every resident to do whenever they see or hear anything that doesn't appear normal. Whether you are at home, taking a walk around the block, or going to a store, always call 911 if you see anything that doesn't look right. Remember, if in doubt let the police check it out. All of us deserve a clean, safe, and pleasant community. Chartley is such a community and that is what Chartley Neighborhood Association (CNA) is all about. But it takes the efforts of all Chartley residents to keep it that way. Make that call, and please consider joining CNA to help us maintain Chartley as one of the most desirable communities in Baltimore County.

The police advise that there was an increase in car thefts in our Precinct during January, particularly Hyundai and Kia vehicles. They have asked us to remind everyone to NEVER leave your vehicle running while unattended (i.e., warming it up while you are somewhere else), and to NEVER leave spare keys in any vehicle. They also continue to remind everyone to always lock their vehicles whenever you leave them, even if it only for a few minutes. We continue to see reports on various social media platforms of thefts from vehicles (not in Chartley) where vehicles have been broken into (smash and grab crimes) due to someone leaving valuables in plain view within the vehicle. Take a moment when you exit your vehicle to make sure that you have removed all items and that you have locked the doors.

Many crimes are crimes of opportunity where something of value is taken, often when the victim has forgotten to properly secure their property, whether it is around their home or within their vehicle. We have found that adherence to the Crime Prevention Tips below will absolutely help prevent you from becoming a victim of crime:

- **Make sure to lock it up and then recheck to make sure that it is locked! This includes your home, your vehicles, and sheds.**
- **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.**

- **Make arrangements with the shipping company, or with a trusted friend or neighbor, to receive any packages that you may order at a time and place convenient to YOU to ensure safe delivery.**
- **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 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 Notices

There are many opportunities to help your Main Street be a great place to **“Stop, Shop, Stroll & Dine”**

- Join other volunteers the 1st Saturday of each month at 9am in the parking lot of **Reter’s Crab House and Grill** to pick up trash along Main Street from Chartley Drive up to the Royal Farms store. The next date will be March 4th.
- Join **Jeanne Andrews** and her volunteers the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11am to keep **Franklin Woodland Trails** a great place to walk with family and friends. Have you walked the trail? (See the Trail Map on **Page 5**).

- Committees are meeting to plan the 2023 events for everyone to enjoy. Mark your calendars and if you can offer some time to volunteer, just email mainstreetmanager@reisterstown.com.

- Bloomin’ ArtFest** will be Saturday, May 13th from 10am – 5pm.
- Beer & Wine Festival** will be Saturday, June 3rd from noon – 5pm.
- Farmers Market** will be every Sunday from June 11th through October 29th from 9am – 1pm.
- Music on Main Street** concerts will be every Friday from June 23rd through August 25th from 6:30-9:30pm.

Chartley Neighborhood Association			
Membership Application			
Enclosed are my membership dues for year(s):		<input type="checkbox"/> 2022/2023 <small>7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2023/2024 <small>7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024</small>
Annual Dues - \$10:00 per Household		Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check No.: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
Name (s) (Print): _____		Make check payable to: Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc. Mail application to: PO Box 408, Reisterstown, MD 21136-0408 For questions call: Betsy at 410-833-5523	
Address: _____			
Home No.: _____	Cell No.: _____		
E-Mail Address: _____			
<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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CNA 2023 Calendar of Events

Project	Location	Date	Time
Project Clean Stream	Sacred Heart Lane, between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road	Saturday, April 1, 2023	9:00 am to Noon
County Bulk Trash Removal	Residence – Curb Side	Monday, April; 3, 2023 or Tuesday, April 4, 2023	
Kiwanis Shredding Day	Chartley Shopping Center	Saturday, April 22, 2023	8:00 am to 11:00 am
CNA General Meeting	Trinity Lutheran Church	Thursday, April 27, 2023	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Bloomin' Artfest Booth	Franklin Middle School	Saturday, May 13, 2023	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
CNA Spring Yard Sale	Residents Yards	Saturday, June 3, 2023 and Saturday June 10, 2023	8:00 am to Residents Discretion.
National Night Out	Chartley Park Shopping Center	Tuesday, August 1, 2023	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Reisterstown Festival Parade	Main St. to Hannah More	Saturday, September 9, 2023	9:00 am
Reisterstown Festival	Hannah More Regional Park	Saturday, September 9, 2023 and Saturday, September 10, 2023	
CNA Fall Yard Sale	Residents Yards		8:00 am to Residents Discretion.
County Bulk Trash Removal	Residence – Curb Side	Tuesday, September 26, 2023 or Wednesday, September 27, 2023	
CNA Crab Feast	American Legion Post 116 1090 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, MD	Saturday, October 14, , 2023	
CNA General Meeting	Trinity Lutheran Church	October 26, 2023	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

CNA Executive Board Meetings are being held on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company, Main St., 7:00-8:30 PM. All are welcome to participate.

Franklin Woodland Trails

