



CHARTLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting 9/12/2023
Trade Name expires 5/31/2027

Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome Guests – meeting started at 7:01pm

Approval of August 2023 Board Meeting Minutes – minutes were not distributed to the group; Crystal will send them and we will approve at the October meeting

Officers' Reports

- **President – Crystal Micriotti** – she was happy to walk in the parade and CNA was well represented, it was her 1st time in a parade
- **Vice President – Sue Dalrymple** – nothing to report
- **Treasurer – Tina Sevik** – reported on checks uncashed (one from April with Hannah More and one of our scholarship recipients. She has been contacted and said she will cash it). Judy Wright filed our IRS 990 postcard for our 2023-2024 fiscal year and emailed the confirmation to Tina. Mary thanked Ernie for compiling all the receipts and completing the narratives for the Final reports that were submitted for our NNO grants. BCF was completed online and Ernie hand delivered the packet of info to Lifebridge yesterday. We are set to complete our Lifebridge application for next year which will be due the first of October.
Motion made by Mary and 2nd by Ernie to authorize Tina to increase the Administrative costs up to \$80 so she can purchase more checks. There was unanimous approval.
- **Secretary – Diane Harding-Allen** - absent
- **Immediate Past President – Joe Kirby** – absent and he advised Crystal he had no report

Committee Reports

- **Real Estate – Mary Muth** - absent
- **Block Captains – Brad Sharpless** - absent
- **Membership – Betsy Sloan** – we currently have 130 members after our 1st quarter in the new fiscal year. There was discussion about how we might take steps to increase our numbers.
- **Newsletter – Jack Sloan** – absent so Betsy read his report
 - eChatter – next deadline – tonight Sept. 12th
 - Chatter – Timeline – October 5th so there will be plenty of time to print and distribute before our October General Meeting. Betsy is going to go see Sheppard Pratt to confirm they are ready to again print our Newsletter. Crystal said she would like to find a grant that will allow us to use a commercial printer.
 - Advertising Update - we have 3 unpaid advertisers and the rest paid for the full year so Jack will reach out to those who haven't paid. Tina advised that she has received \$894 to date.
- **Police Rep./C.O.P. – Dave Powers**
Crime in Chartley- 2 crimes were reported by Chartley residents during August as follows: vandalism (a.k.a. destruction of property in the 200 block of Walgrove on Aug 5; theft in the 200 block of Chartley Dr also on Aug 5th. This brings our YTD total to 14.

Note: Still see Chartley residents calling 911 for such things as suspicious vehicle, suspicious person, suspicious activity, and have even seen some arrests being made, particularly in the 100 block of Chartley Drive (based on the info given, these arrests were in the Chartley Shopping Center) ... continues to show that our residents are keeping their eyes open and that they are continuing to not hesitate to call 911 whenever they see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary.

Note: Dirt bike reported speeding down Townleigh Rd on Sept. 2nd with a black pickup truck in hot pursuit. Townleigh is a dead-end street, so when the biker reached the end of the street, he just went into the wooded area there and disappeared...but the trucker threw his truck in reverse and started speeding backwards up Townleigh, again at a high rate of speed. 911 was called and the police responded, but the bike has not been located. No word on any action against the truck driver. Further investigation revealed that the bike was seen being stolen around 10 AM. Apparently, the bike owner (believed to be the driver of the pickup truck) took off after it in hot pursuit. Police report that there have been a large number of dirt bikes stolen this area over the past several months. They have a task force working on the situation but are having difficulty locating the thieves and are asking for our help in this regard by asking residents to call 911 immediately. Am including that in my Crime in Chartley article for the upcoming eChatter.

Note: There was a reported burglary on September 2nd in the 500 block of Gwynnwest Rd during which 5 suspects entered the location and assaulted the victims before fleeing in a vehicle. Not clear if this was in the Chartleytowne Apt Complex or the Chartley Homes across the street from the apts. Have asked Officer Kauffman for additional info including if any arrests have been made in this case.

Note: There was a reported assault on Sept 3rd in the 500 block of Gwynnwest Rd, but after drilling down on the information given, it strongly appears that this incident actually took place in the Chartleytowne Apts. that line Gwynnwest Rd. Consequently, I am not listing this incident as a crime reported within our community.

- **Police Community Relations Council – Dave Powers**

Still in summer recess. Next meeting on Tuesday, Sept 19th at 7:00 PM at the Village of Timbergrove Clubhouse (425 E. Cherry Hill Rd.).

- **Reisterstown Main Street – Mary Molinaro**

RIA is completing many of their ongoing projects: 6 wagon wheel bike racks have been installed; Heritage Trail is back on track working with someone who has 40 yrs. experience and plans to complete in 6 months; Ernie has helped with a project to add 19 more plaques on Historic buildings and the installation and unveilings should happen in October; Farmers Market has been well attended and will continue through the last Sunday in October. Sept 24th and the 2nd & 4th Sundays in October will add a Yard Sale piece; Main Street lamppost banners will be ordered the end of this week and should be up in October; Design Guidelines and Retail Study are just about completed.

- **Scholarship update – Chris Yambor** - absent

- **Webmaster/Social Media – Kaycee Wright** - absent

- **Zoning/Traffic – Looking for a chairperson**

- Tina described the issue with the opening of the new Hookah Lounge in the Chartley. She's been emailing because of the crowds, noise and staying open later than allowed which is midnight. Ernie said he spoke with Captain Jamerson who told him the police are keeping an eye while the code enforcement people do their work. It may take time.

-407 Sacred Heart Lane has a hole filled with water and has been that way for almost a month. Crystal contacted DPW after getting the proper person through Justin Silberman from Izzy Patoka's office. Mary said she saw it on her morning walk and the homeowner was frustrated as she hasn't had any luck with DPW repairing the problem and refilling the hole. She has young children and is concerned for safety reasons.

Special Events & Reports

- **Crab Feast (October 14) – Ernie Schmidhauser** – Dave said that 17 tickets have been sold so far; Ernie said we really need at least 75 people to make our goal of funding the Annual Scholarship
- **Yard Sale (October 7th & 14th)** – Dave said that so far only one resident has registered in Chartley and one in Country Club

Old Business –

Nothing discussed

New Business

- **Sacred Heart Lane Bikeability and Access to Main Street – Mary Molinaro**

Mary explained that one of RIA reports involves bikeability and walkability on Main Street. We were looking for parallel roads to Main Street and the West side doesn't really have any option. However, on the East side Sacred Heart Lane is a good option with access via Chatsworth, Bond, Glyndon, Chartley & Walgrove. Just bringing the concept to this meeting to see if CNA had any concerns. There will most likely not be any signage added, more of just discussing how people could ride their bike up to Main Street and park/lock it on one of the new bike racks to eat or shop along Main Street. Ernie also talked about an interest to create a bike path that would follow on the bank of the stream from Sacred Heart to Gwynnwest. It currently doesn't exist because the county doesn't want people to enter the area.

- **Chartley Street Clean Up – Discussion to have volunteers and residents clean up**

Sue talked about receiving information from a link Crystal provided that outlines nicely a possible plan and she's looking to implement it next Spring. She was given the information of the woman from Glyndon Elementary School's Outreach position to see if students from the school would participate. Since the other half of our community goes to Reisterstown Elementary School, she could reach out to them. BCPS has a Clean Green 15 program and can will funds for the school based on volunteer hours and pounds of trash removed.

For now, Sue may write an article in each eChatter and Chatter about homeowners taking on the responsibility to pick up trash in front and on their properties.

- **Urban Trees Mini-Grant Program – Any updates? Such as which properties were picked and did the homeowners choose the type of tree they want? Larry Van Horn**

Larry was not able to attend but sent an email that Crystal read into the minutes.

Hi Crystal. I will not be attending the meeting tomorrow night. Here's a quick update on the tree initiative:

- The landscaper proposal from McCauley's came back with a significant change owing to their recommendation for the size and types of trees that are most likely to survive fall planting and winter. As a result, they can only plant 10 trees for \$5000, instead of the 15 trees that were proposed in our grant application.
- Also, as a result of the above, I had to submit alterations to Chesapeake Bay Trust for approval. I have not yet heard back from CBT. Given that we need to plant relatively soon, I am expecting to hear from them this week and will keep you informed.
- Just fyi... I did some research to determine if we are getting a decent deal from McCauley's. I found that the prices they are quoting for the proposed tree size is about average for our area. But, while the landscaper is not cutting us a break on pricing, his employee (Sean Crossley) has offered to help maintain these trees, post planting, at no cost.

Ernie said that he replied that he wanted to know the addresses of the 10 properties and strongly feels that the homeowner needs to be "asked" about having a tree planted in the area even though it is considered a county easement area. Also, we want to be sure the tree doesn't cause "line of sight" issues for drivers as they approach an intersection. Some of the trees removed for being dead greatly resolved that problem.

Crystal will email Larry and ask him to let us know the addresses and the answer from CBT about modifying the grant parameters from 15 to 10 trees.