CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER



CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

HOURS
MONDAY: 8AM-4PM
TUESDAY: 8AM-7PM
WEDNESDAY: 8AM-4PM
THURSDAY: 8AM-4PM
FRIDAY 8AM-12:30PM
SAT/SUN: CLOSED
Closed daily 12-12:30pm

TOWNSHIP NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1
MAIN OFFICE: 724-745-3415
POLICE DEPT: 724-745-8030
COMMUNITY CENTER/
PARKS & RECREATION:
724-485-2126



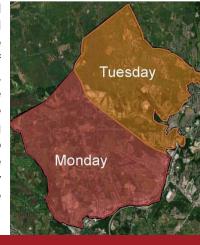
A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER:

Hello, and welcome back to the Chartiers Township Newsletter!!! It has been a little while since we have been able to provide this informational resource to you, so we are very happy to restart it! The Township continues to grow and improve services and facilities. We now have a new playground and restroom facility in Allison Park! We have worked with the Baseball Association to improve the drainage of the fields there as well. We are further working on expanding the amenities in Arnold Park in the coming years. Additionally, we are increasing our programming and event recreation opportunities at the Community Center. We have some staffing changes since the last newsletter, so please help us welcome new Township Supervisor Harlan Shober, Parks and Recreation Director Angela O'Connor, and police officers Noah Lazek, Dante Cecchine, and Brittan Laird. We are working on a new Township informational map that will be sent out to all residents in the coming months. It will have valuable information, Township Roads, contact information and important dates.

RECYCLING NEWS:

One of the big changes coming in 2025 will be the way recycle. Historically, the Township has always sponsored contracted recycling for our residents, but it has become increasingly cost prohibitive to continue to do that. In 2023, Recycling cost taxpayers over \$180,000. As we strive to provide more efficient, cost effective services, beginning in January, the Township will be self-performing recycling collection. We purchased a recycling truck and have arranged for a recycling vendor to process the materials. This will save residents considerably. To that end, we are going to ask for your patience as our crews begin this collection, learn the

routes, etc. Until we can gauge how long collection will take us, we are going to divide the Township in half and collect for half the Township on the second Monday of the month, as always, but delay the other half until Tuesday of that week (i.e. the Tuesday following the second Monday), just to make sure we can get through the Township. As we develop a system and pattern, we expect to become more efficient and will be able to better gauge how long collection will take. So, please be patient if we don't get to you until Tuesday or Wednesday and understand that we may need to adjust as the year goes on so that we may serve you better and more cost effectively. Please see the adjacent map with the initial schedule.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:

Welcome to all our new residents and businesses, and a warm hello to those who have made this community special! Our police department is here for you 24/7, and we are proud to serve whenever needed.

School is back! Please be mindful of school bus traffic and the strict laws against passing a bus with its red lights flashing. Consider the potential tragedy for you and other families if someone is injured in an attempt to save a few minutes. Remember the children walking to or waiting at bus stops, and allow extra time to avoid traffic delays and ensure a safe commute.

If you have an emergency, notice something suspicious, or have a neighborhood complaint, please call 911. Sometimes residents hesitate to call 911 because they don't think it's an emergency. However, we value your vigilance in helping keep our community safe and greatly appreciate the extra eyes and ears in our community. Our officers might be nearby and can respond quickly. We urge you to call 911 for any emergency or suspicious situation, or whenever you need to speak with an officer. We'd rather respond promptly to a situation that turns out to be nothing than to miss the chance to prevent a crime due to a delayed call.

Just a reminder about phone scams and door-to-door soliciting: Never share your date of birth, social security number, or financial information with anyone soliciting you. Be cautious of callers asking for payment via gift cards—this is a common scam tactic. For door-to-door sales, the township requires solicitors to have a permit for commercial soliciting. Legitimate solicitors will have credentials issued by the township, which they should be able to show you. Remember, you are NOT obligated to let anyone into your home, and it is a best practice to never let a solicitor inside. If you prefer not to receive solicitations, you can sign up for the township's Do Not Knock list and post signs at your entrances indicating that you do not want solicitations. If you encounter any issues with solicitors, please call 911. Additionally, this is a good time to remind you to lock your vehicles at night and remove any valuables. Unlocked cars are easy targets for thieves looking for crimes of opportunity

In closing, I want to thank all our residents and businesses for your ongoing support, and I encourage you to stop by and meet our officers. Our office is open 24/7, 365 days a year, and we truly appreciate the community's support and well wishes. Stay updated on our events by visiting our Facebook page, "Chartiers Township Police." As a department, we are committed to providing you with the best service possible!



Best,

Chief Steve Horvath

⚠ EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

© POLICE OFFICE: 724-745-8030

(f) "Chartiers Township Police"

THANK YOU TO KELSEY SIMPSON PHOTOGRAPHY

The CTPD gives special thanks to Kelsey Simpson for providing our officers with new official headshots and a 2024 CTPD group photo!





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FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The township has scheduled curbside leaf collection for the below Mondays (& one Tuesday due to a holiday). Please remember, all bags must have contents that are 100% biodegradable. Non-biodegradable material in the bags will prevent the township from being able to recycle the leaves through the composting site. Please contact the Township Office with any questions. **THANK YOU for your cooperation and helping to make this program a great success!**

COLLECTION DATES:

11/4

11/12 (TUES. DUE TO VETERAN'S DAY)

11/18

11/25

12/2 (IF NECESSARY)



- Use biodegradable bags
- Make sure your bags contain LEAVES ONLY
- Put your bags on the curb the night before



- Do NOT include non-biodegradable material anywhere in the bag
- NEVER tape your bags shut



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PLANNING:

Back to school is upon us and it is nearly time to close the swimming pool and get ready for all of the busy fall activities! As an engineer, I am always cognizant of protecting our streams. Clean streams affect all of us. How you drain your pool can impact the quality of our streams.

Discharged pool water contains chlorine and other chemicals that can harm our fish and wildlife if not handled correctly. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) offers guidelines and tips on draining pools. According to the DEP, the best approach for managing these wastewaters is disposal into a public sewer system. A permit is not necessary to reuse or recycle pool wastewaters.

Pool wastewater can also be drained into your yard and allowed to infiltrate into a vegetated area or used for on-site irrigation after these guidelines are met:

- End of summer POOL CLOSING TIPS
 - Pool water may be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system
 - Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge to a stream
 - If lowering the water level of the pool, let it drain to a lawn to prevent it from running off into a storm sewer
- If a sanitary sewer system is not available, water may be used for irrigation if it does not run off the property or into a storm sewer

- Shut off the chlorination/chemical feed system or stop adding chlorine and chemicals.
- Shut off the heating system.
- Hold the water in the pool or hot tub to reduce the chlorine level to 0.5 mg/L or less (if applicable), and the temperature to an acceptable level (generally within 10° F of the air temperature).
- Test frequently the water may need to be held for 10 days or more depending on the surrounding conditions. Recirculating the water may help to speed up this process.
- Adjust the pH, if necessary, to between 6.0 and 9.0 standard units.
- Never drain the pool on a rainy day or if the soil is saturated.
- When discharging on-site for infiltration or using the water for irrigation, ensure that:
 - The water will not flow into a storm sewer or other water of the commonwealth.
 - The water does not run off the property onto the street or onto your neighbor's property.
 - The flow rate is slow enough to allow infiltration and does not cause erosion.

Thank you for taking the time to drain your pool properly!

Jennifer Slagle, P.E.

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SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

Our Township Public Works Crew works diligently to clear the 57 miles of Township roads during snowfall. Snow routes are prioritized as follows for emergency, safety, and traffic reasons:

- · School bus routes, hills, and curves
- · Collector and arterial roads
- Residential streets and alleys (These are the last to be plowed.)

Please remember that PennDOT is responsible for clearing state roads within the Township.

Important Reminders:

- Do not shovel snow into the street or sidewalk. This creates a safety hazard and may result in fines. Additionally, avoid piling snow in front of fire hydrants.
- Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours after snowfall, sleet, or freezing rain ends.
- On-street parking is prohibited in Chartiers Township, especially during snow events, to allow for road clearing. Please also remove any moveable items from the roadway before a snow event, such as trash cans, recycling bins, portable basketball hoops, backstops, and soccer nets.



It's nearly impossible to prevent plowed snow from accumulating in your driveway, but to help minimize it, shovel snow to the right of your driveway to reduce the amount redirected by passing plow trucks. Clearing an area to the left of your driveway can further reduce snow buildup.





A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:





Hello everyone! As we close out what has been a very warm summer and head into fall, I wanted to wish all of the students in our community the best of success in this new school year!

I'm happy to report that we've gone through another year with no major injuries to our firefighters. We're all staying healthy so that we can ensure that we're ready to respond at a moment's notice.

This year has been a busy one for us. We've welcomed new members, including some Junior Firefighters, into our family. Our Junior Firefighter Program, while still in its infancy, is proving to be a great source of trained members to bolster our ranks.

The heat that we've seen over the summer did a great job of drying things out, especially the vegetation throughout our area. Please be very careful when legally burning this fall as we expect an increase in brush fires as things start to die off and summer changes into fall.

Our annual Fund Drive is progressing very well with donations coming from our residents. Reminders are going to be sent over the next several weeks to those residents who may have forgotten to donate. While our Township does provide a Fire Tax that covers most of our operating expenses, the funds that we receive from our Fund Drive is what we use for major capital improvements of our facility and what we use for down payments when we purchase our firefighting vehicles. The most recent capital improvement of our facility was a complete reconstruction and repaving of our parking lot and ramp areas in front of our garage doors. Thank you all for your continued support.

Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help make your life safer. Remember, change your clocks, change your smoke detector batteries!

> Fred Simpson Fire Chief

RAVE ALERTS

To register visit: www.chartierstwp.com

In an effort to provide more reliable and effective communications with citizens, Chartiers Township has implemented Rave Mobile Safety as our emergency notification provider.

Rave Mobile Safety is a system designed to make phone calls to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information. Chartiers Township Emergency Management and other departments will use this system to notify citizens by phone of information regarding you or your property. The system can make thousands of calls in a minute to convey vital information. These messages may include information on floods, fires, water emergencies, road closures, missing persons, evacuation orders, weather emergencies, and other community updates.



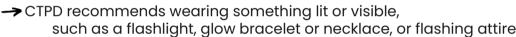




THURSDAY 10/31 6-7:30PM







→ Children should always go Trick-or-Treating with a trusted adult

→ Only go to familiar houses that have their exterior lights on

Remain outdoors when distributing treats and provide individually packaged treat bags for children to collect





IS YOUR MAILBOX CLEARLY MARKED?

QUICK TIP: Check and make sure that both your physical residence and mailbox, if you have one, are clearly posted with your house address number. 3" or larger reflective numbers or lighted numbers are recommended. This is crucial, not only for proper mail delivery, but also for Police/Fire/EMS to quickly locate you in the event of an emergency.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

What: Come recycle your old electronics!

When: Monday October 7th, 2024

Time: 2:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Chartiers Township Community Center









TV's (1 per car load)

• Freon Appliances (\$25 each for freon removal)

• 4/8ft Flourescent Tubes & CFL's

• Damaged or Dismantled TV's (\$50 hazardous handling fee)



- Vacuum Cleaners
- Carpet Scrubbers
- Smoke Detectors
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors

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CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR:

We're thrilled to share some exciting news about new activities, programs, and events coming your way! This season, we're introducing new fitness classes, senior programming, and cooking/art workshops. We've also added more family-friendly events to our calendar, including the Pumpkin SMASH at Arnold Park, Charity Bingo, and Pet Photos with Santa.

In addition to our new programs, we're pleased to announce that we've lowered the rental rates for our Community Center. Whether you're planning a birthday party, a meeting, or a special event, our facility is more accessible than ever. We encourage you to take advantage of these great rates and make your next gathering memorable.

Be sure to check our website and follow us on social media for all the latest updates. Let's make the most of this season together!

ANGELA O'CONNOR

- PARKS@CHARTIERSTWP.COM
- **3** 724-485-2126

2025 PAVILION RENTALS - SAVE THE DATE

2025 pavilion rentals at Arnold Park & Allison Parkette will begin IN PERSON on **January 6th**, **2025** for residents and January 13th for non-residents. Online reservation information will be announced toward the end of 2024.



Resident	Non-Res.	Non-Profit or Approved Fundraiser
\$250	\$325	\$190
\$200	\$260	\$150
\$375	\$490	\$280
\$300	\$390	\$300
\$400	\$520	\$400
\$550	\$715	\$550
\$375	\$490	\$375
\$425	\$550	\$425
\$700	\$875	\$700
\$375	\$490	\$375
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For more information including rental packets, optional add ons, and availability, visit www.chartiersparks.com





Our Community Center rates have been lowered as of 7/2024! We are currently taking bookings up to 1 year in advance. Non-refundable deposit is required to hold date.





CHARTIERS HOUSTON SENIOR CITIZEN GROUP

JOIN THE SENIOR GROUP FOR ONLY \$5

MONTHLY BUSINESS LUNCHEON

When: Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 11

Time: llam

Where: Chartiers Township Community Center Cost: \$2 Donation for Lunch Recommended



Cost: FREE **CHAIR YOGA**

Time: 12:30pm

KEEP MOVING

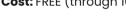
When: Monday's Starting 9/16

Where: Community Center

When: Every Wednesday

Time: llam

Where: Community Center **Cost:** FREE (through 10/30)



LINE DANCING When: Every Wednesday

Time: 6pm

Where: Community Center

Cost: \$6

GAME DAY

When: 1st and 3rd Weds, of the Month

Time: 1-4pm

Where: Senior Room (inside CTCC)

Cost: FRFF

BINGO

When: Every Tuesday & Friday

Time: 10:30am

Where: Senior Room (inside CTCC)

Cost:

CRAFTS

When: 2nd and 4th Thurs, of the Month

Time: 12:30pm

Where: Senior Room (inside CTCC)

Cost: FREE

T.O.P.S

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 5pm

Where: Senior Room (inside CTCC) Cost: Reach out to Senior Group



NEW! LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

CHARTIERS TWP POLICE: SENIOR SCAMS

When: Thursday October 10th

Time: 12pm

Sponsored By: Community Bank



BEST & WORST CELEBRITIES IN SHOW BUSINESS

When: Monday October 28th

Time: 12pm

Sponsored By: Range Resources

DOWNSIZE YOUR HOME M NOT YOUR LIFESTYLE

When: Tuesday November 12th

Time: 12pm

Presenter Sponsored By: Presbyterian SeniorCare Network Lunch Sponsored By: Slovenian Savings & Loan Association

HISTORY OF PITTSBURGH FOODS

When: Tuesday December 3rd

Time: 12pm

Sponsored By: Range Resources





2024 CHARTIERS HOUSTON SENIOR GROUP OFFICERS

President: Mary Jane Stewart Vice-President: Judy Garcia Secretary: Rick Kauffman

Treasurer: Kris Manfredi



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ALLISON PARK GRAND (RE) OPENING

We replaced the playground at Allison Parkette and added new bathrooms! Join us for a GRAND RE-OPENING PARK PARTY with music, food, drinks, and FUN! This event is completely free thanks to our community sponsors!





Address: 1125 McGovern Rd

Date: Sunday 9/15 Time: 1-3pm Cost: FREE



INTRO TO BALLROOM DANCING

What: Learn the basics of ballroom dancing with our certified dance instructor. This intro class will give you the tools necessary to get started in ballroom basics! Join one of our two fall offerings!

When: Thurs 10/4 & Thursday 11/7

Time: 6pm-7pm

Where: Community Center

Cost: \$5pp - Registration Required

USING FORCE: WEIGHING THE OPTIONS

What: U.S. Law Shield and Elite Firearms & Training are proud to present a chance to attend a very unique and FREE educational opportunity on owning firearms

responsibly. DINNER IS PROVIDED FREE. **When:** Tuesday October 1st, 2024

Time: 6pm Doors Open | 6:30pm Class

Where: Community Center

Cost: FREE - Registration Required



PUPPY YOGA

What: Join us with our friends at Angel Ridge Animal Rescue for yoga featuring roaming 4-legged friends!

When: Saturday October 19th, 2024

Time: 10am

Where: Community Center

Cost: \$5pp - Registration Required



COOKING CLASS: PIEROGI

What: Something is cooking in the CTCC kitchen! Come learn how to make a Pierogi meal including dough, fillings, and sides!

When: Saturday October 5th, 2024

Time: llam-2pm

Where: Community Center

Cost: \$35pp - Registration Required



PAINT NIGHT - MULTIPLE DATES

We have 3 opportunities this fall to channel your inner Picasso! Project: 11x14 watercolor paiting!

Time: 6pm

Where: Community Center

Cost: \$45pp - Registration Required

9/18 - Paint Your Pet 10/16 - Guitar Era 11/13 - Wreath









HALLOWEEN COOKIE DECORATING

What: Interested in learning how to decorate with royal icing? Sign up to learn the techniques behind making professional quality cookies with our Halloween theme!

When: Sunday October 13th, 2024

Time: 1-2:30pm

Where: Chartiers Township Community Center

Cost: \$40pp - Registration Required

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA

What: Sign-up to bring your furry friend to get pictures with the one and only Santa Claus! Family pictures are also welcome but they must include a PET.

When: TBD December (Keep an eye out online!)

Time: TBD

Where: Community Center
Cost: \$10 (Registration Required)

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT: WWW.CHARTIERSPARKS.COM

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UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

What: Transform your car trunks into fun Halloween scenes. Kids will walk through the lot to collect treats. We will have prizes for the scariest, cutest, and #1 overall trunk as well as costume prizes.

When: Thursday October 24th, 2024

Time: 6:30pm (Set-up at 5:30)

Where: Community Center Parking Lot

Cost: FREE - Registration Required @

www.chartiersparks.com







Kids Area Sponsored by:



Live Band Sponsored by:

CHROME

FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

SMASH Area Sponsored by:



PUMPKIN SMASH

What: Bring your Halloween pumpkins to get smashed, catapulted, and destroyed! After the event the pumpkins will be composted and kept out of the dumps. We will also have a live band, s'mores, food, and drinks.

When: Friday November 1st

Time: 6pm-9pm **Where:** Arnold Park

Cost: FREE

S'mores Sponsor:



Slovenian Savings & Loan



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON! WE WILL HAVE A VISIT FROM SANTA, CRAFTS, HOT CHOCOLATE, AND MORE!

> Sunday December 1st, 2024 @ 6pm FREE | Community Center





DO YOU LOVE TO VOLUNTEER?

Chartiers <u>Friends of the Park</u> is looking for committee members! The group currently meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. This township non-

profit is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The Friends group works hard to raise funds for the purchase, improvement, and construction of buildings and other recreational facilities in Chartiers Township.

Call 724-485-2126 or email parks@chartierstwp.com for more information!



Chartiers Parks & Recreation



@chartiersparks



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VETERANS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH, 2024 | 11:30AM-1PM

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS:

Join Chartiers Township for this completely <u>FREE</u> luncheon for you and 1 guest. No-nonsense, no sales pitch, no catch. We appreciate your service and want to thank you! Provided: an entrée, 2 sides, dessert, non-alcoholic beverages, gift bag, entertainment.

RSVP AT WWW.CHARTIERSPARKS.COM OR 724-485-2126



For first 140 RSVP'd Veterans Thanks to RES-COM!





Friends of the Park will partner with 1 non-profit/fundraising organization per month for Charity BINGO



NEED TO FUNDRAISE?

Join us as a partner for Charity Bingo!

What we Provide

- ✓ Free Venue
- ✓ Organized BINGO Event
- ✓ 10% paper and food sales

What YOU Provide

- **✓** Basket Raffle Prizes
- ✓ Handful of Volunteers
- ✓ Group Info Table (optional)

724-485-2126 PARKS@CHARTIERSTWP.COM WWW.CHARTIERSPARKS.COM

Special Games Pay:



For Players:

UPCOMING BINGO:

September 19 October 17 November 14

December 12

Regular Games Pay:



\$ 200

Food - Pull Tabs - Basket Raffles - 50/50

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10 Regular Eligo Games
3 Specials

5PM Doors Open 6:30PM Early Birds

2024-2025 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEMENTARY RENTAL LOTTERY

Dear Chartiers Township Community Group,

As you may be aware, Chartiers Township has established a method for Chartiers Township non-profit community groups to be able to hold events at the Community Center at little or no cost. Through our "Complementary Use Policy," the Township is offering four (4) FREE weekend day or evening rentals of the facility to Chartiers Township Nonprofit groups each year during the non-peak season of **November through April** and two (2) for the Chartiers-Houston School District annually. These will be offered to non-profit groups that submit a request via a lottery on rotating basis. Application can be found at www.chartiersparks.com and submitted via email to parks@chartierstwp.com or in person at 2013 Community Center Dr, Houston, PA 15342.

Application Deciline: Friday October 11th, 2024



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VETERAN'S LUNCHEON PARTNERS

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP THANKS OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR HELPING US PUT ON THIS SPECIAL EVENT FOR OUR LOCAL VETS!

PRESENTED BY:

RES-COM IS LOCAL TO WASHINGTON, PA AND VETERAN OWNED



INTERESTED IN DONATING TO THIS EVENT OR WORKING AS A VOLUNTEER?

CONTACT US!

CHARTIERS PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

724-485-2126

LIBERTY SPONSOR:



Gathering & Processing

FREEDOM SPONSOR:

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ASSOCIATION



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