

Chatham Township News

Chatham Township, Medina County, Ohio, USA

ATTENTION: If you are aware of anyone within Chatham Township not receiving this Newsletter or if your address on the mailing label is incorrect please contact us at any of the numbers located at the end of this Newsletter – ed.

Recycling Bins

Please review the front & back of the recycling flyer included in this newsletter and keep for future reference. The Medina County Solid Waste District has placed 2 single stream recycling bins at our Roads Maintenance Garage located at 6539 Avon Lake Road. "Single Stream Recycling" simplifies the process by allowing ALL your recyclable items to be placed in the same drop off bin. This means No Sorting - No Rinsing/Cleaning - No Bundling – No Separation of recyclables is required as you collect them at home. At the drop off location please empty any plastic bags or garbage bags that you have used for collection, do not dispose of them in the recycle bins. See flyer for additional drop off locations and recycling details.

Halloween

On **Saturday October 31th, 6-7:30PM** we will hold Trick or Treat. Our Fire Department will be controlling traffic around the intersections of State Route 83 and State Route 162. We encourage residents to join us in the Chatham Township Community Center parking lot for "Trunk or Treat". Decorate your car and put on your favorite costume to spook all the Trick or Treaters as you pass out your candy! PRIZES will be awarded for the best dressed and neatest "Trunk". Inside the Community Center we will host a Halloween Party where we'll have refreshments and activities!

Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. You may vote between the hours of 6:30AM and 7:30PM at the Chatham Township polls which are located at the Chatham Township VFW Hall on State Route 83. Early voting at the Board of Elections office began Tuesday September 29th. For information contact the Medina County Board of Elections at 330-722-9278.

Volunteer Fire Department

From The desk of the Chief: "I want to be a fireman when I grow up", "I want to drive a firetruck or an ambulance with sirens through town" "I want to help" "I want to be part of the community"

How many of us have said these lines while we were children or maybe more recently? How many of you would like to become involved but are not sure where to start. Will they accept ME, who has no experience what so ever?

The answer is YES. Many of us had no experience at all when we took that step and walked in the door. Of the staff we have, some are very good firefighters others, great EMT's (Emergency Medical Tech.'s). Others take lesser tasks and help where they can. We are all part of a team or family if you will. No one is forced to do any task they are not capable of. We try to keep you in your comfort zone for your safety and the public's safety. I promise you this, most find skills they never dreamed they had. Many are the firefighters who thought they could not do medical tasks and now are trained Medics for our department and professionally. We have male and female fire personnel who originally were not sure of the dangers we encounter, who now are seasoned fire personnel who charge to the scene with knowledge and courage to circumvent the event whether it be a house fire or motor vehicle accident. We have others who belong, who come to the scene and are there for support, run for equipment or just bring the over exerted water. We all belong. So if you're interested in this family we have down here on Kohli Dr., come down to the station on Wednesday night, say about 7:00 pm and pick up an application, talk with our family and we will be glad to show you around. Chief William Disbrow 330-461-0459

Cemetery

Trustees will be initiating a cemetery rate increase in January 2016. Please remember that all cemetery decorations should have been removed on October 1st. Otherwise they will be removed by our maintenance crew and disposed of. Trustees express our thanks and sincere gratitude to the Chatham Farmers 4H Club whose members provided spring cleanup of the cemetery grounds, finished painting the fence, and planted numerous geraniums on the gravesites of our veterans.

Roads

Winter weather will soon be here! In an effort to minimize the chance of a collision between our snow plow and your mailbox, please install all new mailboxes so that the door is located 3 feet from the edge of the pavement on our township maintained roads. Our roads maintenance crew would be happy to fill the berm if needed for access. Please contact Ted Arters at 330-667-2924

Community Center - Events, rental info

ZUMBA Dance-Exercise class: Weekly Mon-Tues-Thurs 7-8PM. Sat 9-10AM. Contact Carolyn Shaw at 330-667-2183.

Yoga: Sign up now! Class is held weekly on Tuesdays, from 5:30 – 7PM. Upcoming sessions are October 27th thru December 1st, and January 5th thru February 2nd. Please contact Shirley Weimer – Northern Ohio Yoga, 330-667-2262

Canaanland Opry: Enjoy Bluegrass & Gospel music at this improv style event held on the 1st Saturday of each month. For information contact Danny Smith at 330-347-8976

Family Movie Night: Is held the third Saturday of virtually every month. Featured movies are “Family Friendly”. Join us Saturday November 14th, 7 PM for “Inside Out”. See our website for future postings.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: On Saturday December 5th, 7PM, we will light the blue spruce tree on the front lawn. Join us afterwards for refreshments at an open House in the Historical Society’s museum where they will be featuring vintage Christmas tree decorations.

Christmas Santa Shop: Saturday December 5th, 9AM – 1. GREAT place for kids to shop, we offer special Christmas gifts at \$5 or less! Mr. & Mrs. Santa will be present from 10AM – 12. Parents may take photos. Enjoy working model Railroad displays! Crafters & homemade crafts needed. Call Janet Newcomer at 330-667-2620. *(Also on this day, The Chatham Community Church holds “Make it & Take it” from 9AM-Noon, where children can assemble wood projects for gifts. Contact D. Siman at 330-667-2086)*

Joyce Siman Pavilion: Available for use free of charge. In lieu of a fee, donations to breast cancer & cancer research would be appreciated. Please contact Janet Newcomer at 330-667-2620 to reserve.

Thrift Room: We have house wares, toys, furniture etc. Thrift room is open during most events at the Community Center. Our volunteers will accept monetary “free will donations” for these goods. The proceeds are used to purchase food, refreshments, maintenance items etc. used at the Community Center. Do you have leftover items from your garage or yard sale? We accept most useable items, no clothes please. Please contact Janet 330-667-2620 or Carolyn 330-667-2183 for drop off or pick up arrangements.

Thank you to all who have donated items to us! The Thrift Room is managed by the “Friends of the CTCC”.

Party rental: Celebrate retirements, anniversaries, birthdays, showers, etc. Gymnasium, plenty of tables, chairs, and parking for your guests!

Rental rates: Meeting Rooms: \$35 for use up to 3 hours, an additional \$10/hr thereafter. Gymnasium: Sporting Events \$15 1st hr, \$10/hr each additional. Non- Sporting Events \$125 for use up to 4 hrs, an additional \$25/hr thereafter.

Anyone interested in further information or scheduling the facility for use please contact Janet Newcomer at 330-667-2620

Comprehensive Plan update

A Comprehensive Plan for Development is an integral part of our Zoning Resolution, providing a framework and vision for land use in our Township. While our plan was formally adopted in April 2011, it is based on a survey of our residents that took place in 2004. Trustees feel it is time to update some of the data in this living document and would like to form a committee to review and facilitate the process. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rick Dumperth at 330-815-7413. A link to view our current plan is available on the home page of our website: www.chathamtownshipohio.org

Township Flags

If you have traveled through our Township on holidays, you probably noticed our American Flags so proudly displayed on state route 83. These were purchased several years ago thanks to generous donations from our Township residents, and are in need of replacement. If you are interested in making a donation for the purchase of new flags, please contact Charlie Siman at 330-667-2276.

Township Bicentennial in 2018

Founded in 1818, Chatham Township will soon be celebrating its bicentennial! Planning and preparations for this historic event will soon be taking place. Trustees are looking for ideas, input, and help from our residents and will hold our first planning meeting this coming January. If you are interested in serving on our Bicentennial Committee, please contact Charlie Siman 330-667-2276, Rick Dumperth 330-815-7413, or Russ Arters 330-618-5359.

Christmas-Holiday Lighting Decorating Contest

Can you create the BEST outdoor Christmas/Holiday lighting and decorating display? Judging will take place December 9th & 10th, winners to be announced in the 3 following categories: (1) Best overall Appearance (2) Best use of Light (3) Best use of Characters. Contact Charlie Siman at 330-667-2276 *Also note-* Christmas trees may be disposed of at the Township Maintenance Garage in the designated drop off area. Please remove all decorations. Trees only- no trash

Please note: If you wish to receive the electronic version of the “Chatham Township News”, please send your e-mail address to our fiscal officer at chathamtwpii@frontier.com . Include your name and mailing address so we are able to accurately remove you from our mailing list. We truly appreciate comments or suggestions- Rick Dumperth-editor

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