

# Chatham Township News

Chatham Township, Medina County, Ohio, USA

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## Candidates Night Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7PM

On **Thursday October 2<sup>rd</sup>, 7PM** we will host a "Candidates Night" at the Community Center. Please join us on this informative evening which is a great opportunity to learn about the experience, character, and vision of the numerous candidates on the upcoming November Ballot including those running for County Auditor, Commissioner, Common Pleas & Appeals Judges, State Board of Education, State Representatives and Governor! This is not a debate. Each candidate will have the podium for approximately 5 minutes to speak and perhaps answer questions from the audience. Event is held in the gymnasium which offers handicap/wheelchair accessibility and plenty of seating. A microphone/speaker system is available ensuring all will be able to hear.

## Fire and EMS Renewal Levy

This November your Trustees and Fire Department will be asking you to vote YES on our levy which is up for its 5yr renewal. There will be no increases to your taxes for this renewal. This 5-year renewal levy is at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one-dollar valuation which equals 20 cents for each \$100 of property valuation. The levy generates approximately \$103,500.00 annually. Where do our fire levy taxes go?

In the past few years we have been very fortunate having these monies to replace our water/tanker delivery truck and our 1978 grass truck. A new Life Pak heart monitor has been ordered for our EMS ambulance. We recently acquired an XUV all-terrain vehicle to access off road grass and crop fires, which can also be used to transport patients or accident victims from hard to access areas. We are continually sending our people to fire and EMS schools so we have the cutting edge on needed skills. Our "Jaws of Life" extrication gear was replaced last year and has come to be quite handy. We have replaced old turnout gear (Fire bunker clothes) that was out of compliance and torn. Our fire hose, several miles worth, is all in compliance and is pressure tested annually. In fact, just about every piece of equipment in our station is tested yearly and must meet National Fire Protection codes. This ensures that you, the resident, can have faith in your department in time of need.

We still have much to do. We would like to replace our 23yr old fire truck and our 25yr old heavy rescue truck with perhaps one combination truck which preforms both tasks. The use of this type of vehicle is becoming more popular around the country. We would like to revisit the idea of building a new fire station in the next five years. Meanwhile, we'll continue to repair and add energy saving updates to our current station by installing new emergency exit signs, LED security lights, several new doors and a window. Recently, we installed some waterproof glass board, hand railings, updated some of the fluorescent lighting, and floors have been painted. We will soon install a larger septic holding tank and run electric wire to the adjacent storage building.

Please take all of this into consideration and remember that as our community grows and traffic increases, so too does our responsibility to protect our residents as well as our visitors. Please support our efforts in November by voting for our levy renewal. - Thank you!

## Apple Butter Festival-Antique Farm Show

**Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 6PM and Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 5PM**, visit the Apple Butter Festival at the VFW. Enjoy bean soup, chili, biscuits with apple butter and doughnuts. See how apple-butter is made! Visit the Craft Show inside the VFW. A Flea Market will be held across the street at the Community Center. All Historical Society museums will be open during the festival including the "old" town hall which will have Frannie Grim's tools, books, and insulator collections on display.

Saturday only, the Historical Society is hosting an Antique Farm Show featuring the LaGrange Engine Club on the grounds of the Community Center. Club members will have their large collection of gasoline engines of yesteryear in all shapes, makes & sizes. See vintage farm equipment and demonstrations. ALL are welcome to bring their antique tractor, implement, car, truck etc. for public display. Stop in, mingle &, reminisce those old days! There is a lot to see, many areas are handicap accessible.

For additional information: Antique Farm Show 330-667-2276. Flea Market 330-667-2620. Apple Butter Festival 330-590-0119

## Halloween & Food Drive

On **Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. Residents may also join us in the Chatham Township Community Center parking lot for "Trunk or Treat". Park your car, put on your favorite costume and "spook" all the Trick or Treaters as you pass out your candy! PRIZES for the best costume and/or "Trunk or Treat" vehicle decorations! Afterwards, festivities continue at the Community Center's *Halloween Party* where we'll have refreshments and activities!

As you prepare to celebrate, please consider helping some of our less fortunate Medina County residents that are in need of food, the most basic necessity. During Halloween, we will hold a **FOOD DRIVE** to benefit local residents in need. The Community Center will be accepting donations of non-perishable, unexpired canned goods, peanut butter, pudding, popcorn etc.

## 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.

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

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**Flea Market:** Saturday Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 10-6 and Sunday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 10AM – 5PM. Vendors may contact Janet Newcomer at 330-667-2620

**LaGrange Engine Club/Antique Farm Show:** Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 6PM. Bring your Antique Engines, tractors vehicles etc. for display. Contact Charlie Siman 330-667-2276

**Family Movie Nights:** Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7PM featuring “ParaNorman” and on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7PM we’ll feature “Rio 2”

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:** On Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, we will light the blue spruce tree on the front lawn. Join us afterwards for refreshments at an open House at the Historical Society’s museum featuring vintage Christmas Tree decorations.

**Christmas Santa Shop:** Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10AM – 1. Special Christmas gifts at a nominal expense, GREAT place for kids to shop! Mr. & Mrs. Santa will be present from 10AM – 12. Photographer available for pictures! 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 is suggested. 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 many of 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Community Center & Friends of the CTCC

A dedicated group of volunteers and their tireless efforts continue to make the Community Center a viable part of our community. The Friends of the CTCC (*Chatham Township Community Center*) conduct many events for our residents and also raise funds in a variety of ways to help maintain the facility. These funds have paid for new emergency exit signs, waterline and heating system repairs, light fixture repairs, paint, etc. as well as kitchen and custodial supplies, plus food and beverages for events. Recently, a portion of the roof needed some repairs. Friends of the CTCC donated \$2400.00 towards the repair bill which totaled \$2900.00.

## Cemetery

Many thanks to our employees! Despite the uncooperative rainy weather this summer, our part time summer helper John Olesick did an outstanding job of keeping the grounds looking splendid! Sue Jurkowski has fully embraced her role as our new Sexton, quickly grasping the various record keeping and burial duties. While reviewing cemetery needs, Trustees decided to purchase a large fireproof “gun safe” which enables us to safely store and preserve cemetery records including the old and very large deed books.

## Roads

It has been a challenging year maintaining our roads. The long snowy winter and freezing temps wreaked havoc on the road surfaces. Rainy weather made it a challenge to make necessary repairs, and epic record downpours severely eroded some of our road berms and culverts. Our roads crew, Ted Arters and Alex Argirakas, met the challenge by repairing numerous washouts, cleaning ditches, etc. Culverts on Richman Road and Garver Road were replaced. Drainage improvements were made on Moss Road, allowing a chip seal to be applied recently. Many other roads received asphalt patching as needed. We were able to utilize an Ohio Department of Transportation contract this year, allowing us to buy road salt at a substantial discount this winter.

## Historical Society

Work is currently underway on the upstairs rooms in the Old Town Hall. The meeting room has been renovated and contains displays and a variety of other items from the township. You are invited to bring your old Christmas decorations, toys, etc. to their regular meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> 7PM, to show and discuss or perhaps tell a story related to them.

Special thanks to Carolyn Shaw for her organizational and fund raising efforts that helped make the Joyce Siman Pavilion a reality! Carolyn had also submitted an application to LMRE’s “People Fund” recently, and was awarded \$2400.00 that will be used to purchase supplies to install water hydrants, electrical outlets, and lighting in the pavilion.

## **Election Day**

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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. This year's registration deadline is Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Early voting at the Board of Elections office began Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>. For information contact the Medina County Board of Elections at 330-722-9278.

## **Christmas-Holiday lighting decorating contest**

Can you create the BEST outdoor Christmas/Holiday lighting and decorating display? Judging will take place December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, winners to be announced. Contact Charlie Siman at 330-667-2276 ..... *Please 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

## **Miscellaneous**

**Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Chatham VFW on Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2-7PM.

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## **Chatham Township Contact Information**

**Township Website:** [www.chathamtownshipohio.org](http://www.chathamtownshipohio.org)

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**Township Trustees:** Charles Siman 330-667-2276, Russell Arters 330-618-5359, and Richard Dumperth 330-667-2031

**Township Fiscal Officer:** Sue Arters: 330-667-6020

**Township Maintenance Garage:** 330-667-2924

**Township Zoning Inspector:** Chuck Porter: 330-421-3260

**Township Community Center:** Scheduling: Janet Newcomer 330-667-2620.

**Township Cemetery Sexton:** Sue Jurkowski 330-635-5647

**Township Volunteer Fire Department:** 330-667-2372 **Fire Chief:** William Disbrow 330-461-0459