

# Chatham Township News

Chatham Township, Medina County, Ohio, USA

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## Apple Butter Festival - Farm Show - Flea Market

**Saturday & Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10AM – 5**, 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. The Historical Society is hosting a **Farm Show** on the grounds of the Community Center. See vintage farm equipment and demonstrations! ALL are welcome to bring their tractor, implement, truck etc. for public display. For additional information: Farm Show 330-815-7413  
Flea Market 330-667-2620 Apple Butter Festival 330-590-0119

## Candidates Night

**Thursday October 13th, 7PM** is "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 candidates on the upcoming November Ballot. This is not a debate. Each candidate will have ample time to speak and answer questions from the audience. This 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.

## Halloween

**Saturday October 29th, 6-7:30PM** is Trick or Treat. After you roam the neighborhood, please 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 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

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is Election Day!** 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. Voter registration/update deadline is Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Absentee voting begins on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

For information contact the Medina County Board of Elections at 330-722-9278

## Cemetery Levy

A .2 mill Cemetery Levy renewal with a .3 mill increase to constitute a total of .5 mills will be on the upcoming ballot. This 5 year levy would have an annual cost of approximately \$3.90 per \$10,000 of property value. It will be used for cemetery operational and maintenance costs. The .2 mills date back to the original 1987 levy, collecting a total of \$5096 a year which unfortunately has not kept up with increased operating costs. For many years, cemetery expenses have exceeded revenue. The chart below shows the current breakdown for the taxes levied in Chatham Township. All residents may view their own breakdown by searching the Tax Distribution for Chatham (Cloverleaf LSD) on the Medina County Auditor’s site. We also encourage you to view all Chatham’s financial records at **OhioCheckBook.com**

Current Chatham TWP Levy millage			
Tax District	Political Unit	Levy Name	Mills
004	CHATHAM TWP	GENERAL FUND <i>(inside millage)</i>	1.30
004	CHATHAM TWP	ROAD & BRIDGE <i>(inside millage)</i>	1.70
004	CHATHAM TWP	1987 CEMETERY	0.20
004	CHATHAM TWP	2008 FIRE & EMS	2.00
004	CHATHAM TWP	2009 FIRE & EMS	2.00
004	CHATHAM TWP	SUBTOTAL	7.20

**Reminder:** Please remove all Cemetery decorations by October 1st, or they will be removed by the maintenance crew.

## Township Bicentennial in 2018

Chatham Township will be celebrating its Bicentennial in 2018 on *July 13-14-15*. We have formed a committee to make plans and conduct fundraisers for this historic milestone. We are seeking ideas and help from any & all residents! Our next Committee meeting is Tuesday Oct 18, 7PM in the Community Center gym. Please contact committee Co-Chairs Sarah Bistline at 330-667-2257 or Steve Arters at 330-635-0958.

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

On **Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30PM** we will be having Chatham's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Kick-Off Spaghetti Dinner at the Chatham VFW Hall. Tickets are \$8 for Adults & \$5 for children under 10. Meal includes meatballs, tossed salad, dessert & beverage. Take out available. We will have a basket raffle, games and you can buy a chance to win a Buehlers Shopping Spree! Proceeds will benefit our upcoming Bicentennial celebration. For tickets contact Sheila 330-635-5716 or Sarah 330-667-2257

### Volunteer Fire Department

**Chief William Disbrow:** "Our department is very fortunate to have several new members come aboard to add to our roster, bringing our department to 30 members. Most are very active with continued training. I say this because we welcome "**You**" as a possible member, to become involved with your community". "Welcome Aboard" these recent members:

**David Lesniak-** David lives just East of Chatham center and comes with years of experience as an EMT.

**Krista Walker-**Krista lives on the township line in east Chatham and serves Lafayette as well. She is an EMT and recently completed her Fire Fighter 1 education.

**Tim Mennell-** Tim has recently moved back into Chatham, having lived in Westfield for several years. He was a past member and we welcome him back as an experienced Fire Fighter 1.

**James Schneider Jr.-** Jimmy comes back to Chatham after several years living in the Medina area. Jim served our department several years ago and he is very happy to be back in the "HEAT".

**Kyle Gray-** Kyle was convinced coming aboard would be fun. No matter how hard we work him he's still got that smile! Kyle completed his 36 hour Fire Fighter and has already felt the heat of a fire.

"A great group of new members to help serve our community, I'm very proud to be working among them all".

**Reminder: Open Burns:** It's getting dry so please be careful burning leaves and such. Call us for an assisted burn if needed. Undoubtedly, someone is going to call your fire in if you do not!

**Please note:** We have formed a **Fire Station Committee** to evaluate current and future needs for the department. We will be looking at neighboring facilities to gain insight and will eventually move forward with assembling proposed plans for a new Fire Station.

### Township Milestones & Finances

This year the Chatham VFW celebrated its 70th year & our Chatham Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 50th! The foresight of Chatham residents is amazing when you consider they started a volunteer Fire Department without any funds, and it has grown to a force of 30 members! Chatham residents fund our Fire Department with taxes that total 4.0 mills. Residents are also currently taxed a total of 3.2 mills for the General, Road/Bridge, and Cemetery Funds. Unfortunately, the State of Ohio cut Local Government Funding to townships and this has caused a hardship to our Chatham budget. Consequently, our General Fund and Cemetery expenses will have to be monitored closely for the remainder of the year so that we will have enough funds to cover expenses in January 2017, as we do not receive additional revenue until the very end of that month. Chatham Township was built and has grown because everyone has been willing to work together. Our veterans, volunteers, and residents have come together when there has been a need and have been able to accomplish much as evidenced by both the VFW and the Fire Department. As a community, we will have to make some important decisions. We want these decisions to represent the majority of the residents. We are planning on sending out a survey questionnaire early in 2017 to obtain information. It is our hope that our residents will respond and be vocal, expressing their ideas and goals as to what they would like to see happen in Chatham. As always, residents are encouraged to attend the trustee meetings to learn more.

## 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:** Class is held weekly on Tuesdays, from 6-7:30PM. Upcoming session is September 22 thru November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Shirley Weimer – Northern Ohio Yoga, 330-667-2262

**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

**Family Movie Night:** Enjoy family friendly movies the third Saturday of every month. On October 15<sup>th</sup> we'll be featuring "Hotel Transylvania 2" which will be shown outdoors, weather permitting. See our website for future postings.

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7PM. Join us afterwards for cookies & refreshments at an open House in the Historical Society's museum featuring vintage Christmas tree decorations.

**Christmas Santa Shop:** Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9AM – 1. Children may shop for 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. For information call Dan 330-590-0119)*

**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 Community Center events. Our volunteers will accept monetary "free will donations" for these goods. 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. Contact Janet 330-667-2620 or Carolyn 330-667-2183 for drop off or pick up arrangements.

**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. Contact Janet Newcomer at 330-667-2620.

## Christmas-Holiday Lighting Decorating Contest

Can you create the BEST outdoor Christmas/Holiday lighting and decorating display? Judging will take place in the 3 following categories: (1) Best overall Appearance (2) Best use of Light (3) Best use of Characters. Please call Sarah 330-667-2257 or Arlene 330-667-2273 with your name & address to enter your display in the contest. Winners will be announced Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. **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

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We truly appreciate comments or suggestions- Rick Dumperth-editor

### Chatham Township Contact Information

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**Township Fiscal Officer:** Susan 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