

# Chatham Township News

*Chatham Township, Medina County, Ohio, USA*

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## Memorial Day

*Please take time to reflect and remember. Display your flag. Honor our veterans and their sacrifices for our great nation.*

Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> begins with an observance program at 10:00 AM at the Chatham V.F.W. Memorial Hall. Following the program, all are welcome to take part in the parade which forms for a procession to the cemetery, back to the center of town for a service at the Veterans Memorial Monument, then returning to the VFW. Afterwards, a community picnic will be held at the VFW pavilion. Bring your family and enjoy! Please provide a covered dish or two to share. Paper products & drinks furnished.

The Historical Society will have the museums and Old Town Hall open for visiting. The Town hall features a permanent, extensive display of antique farm tools & equipment.

## Flea Market / Rummage sale May 22, 23, 24

Thursday, Friday and Saturday May 22 thru 24<sup>th</sup>, from 8AM – 3 join us for a Pre-Memorial Day Flea Market at the Community Center along with the annual Rummage sale at the Chatham Community Church sponsored by the Chatham Community Church Women's Group. Interested Vendors may call Janet Newcomer at 330-667-2620.

## Township "Dumpster Day" Spring Clean-Up June 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8AM – 5 take advantage of this opportunity for free disposal of trash, yard waste, etc. in our trash dumpsters at the Chatham Township Maintenance building, 6539 Avon Lake Road. Please remember that all residents are expected to adhere to these restrictions:

This is for Chatham residents ONLY. Please do not haul trash into our community for disposal.

All trash and garbage must be secured in plastic trash bags. No tires – No oil or antifreeze - No paint - No propane tanks - No large boats

## Town Hall Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>

Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7PM we will hold a Town Hall Meeting to address noise/shooting complaints. Representatives from the Medina County Sheriff's Dept. and Prosecutors office will offer insight on applicable laws and what can and cannot be done, taking everyone's rights into consideration. Target shooting involving improper backstops, excessive early morning firing of guns, etc, has been an ongoing problem affecting some of our residents. This will be a very informative evening for our residents and we welcome those of other Townships to attend as well.

## Cemetery – Sexton & Part time Employee

Many of you know Judy Hering, who served our Township as Cemetery Sexton for the past 8 years. After serving our residents with dedication, Judy retired from her position earlier this year. The Trustees offer our gratitude and express our appreciation to Judy for her service to our community. Judy was always there to assist families in their time of need and worked hard to maintain our cemetery records. The search for her replacement began immediately and Trustees were extremely fortunate to find two very capable residents that were interested in community service. Trustees welcome Sue Jurkowski as our new Sexton. With her bookkeeping & accounting skills, Sue will be able to keep our accurate record keeping on track. Another applicant for the Sexton position voiced that his true desire was to maintain the cemetery grounds. Since we had also been looking for part time help for lawn mowing and weed eating, we decided to hire him as well. Trustees welcome resident John Olesick as our new part time summer maintenance employee.

## Historical Society - Pavilion Dedication August 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Joyce Siman Picnic Pavilion is nearing completion. The Historical Society offers a sincere thank you for the community support of this project! It was made possible by the numerous monetary donations, picnic table memorials, and the individuals who volunteered their time, labor & materials. The Historical Society and the Trustees will hold a public dedication ceremony on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30PM. When finished, the Pavilion may be reserved for use at no charge; however we will accept donations which will be given to organizations involved with finding a cure for cancer and breast cancer research, in memory of Joyce. Future additions to the Pavilion area will include a barbecue grill, benches and trees. If you are interested in contributing towards the purchase of any of these items or have ideas for additional memorial tributes, please contact Carolyn Shaw at 330-667-2183. The Chatham Historical Society is the 501C3 non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible.

**Noteworthy:** The Historical Society plans to soon finish painting the Old Town Hall. The annual **Alumni Banquet** will be held on Sat. June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00PM at the VFW.

## Community Center

**Canaanland Opry:** Enjoy on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 6PM. Evenings feature improv Bluegrass & Religious musical performances. Admission is free, though donations are greatly appreciated. For information contact Danny Smith at 330-347-8976.

**Thrift Room:** Our Thrift Room is open during most events at the Community Center. Housewares, toys, furniture etc. are available and we accept monetary "free will donations" for these goods. Donations go to the "Friends of the CTCC", a volunteer group that supports our Community Center and events. Proceeds are used to purchase food, refreshments, maintenance items etc. used at the Community Center. If you wish to donate useable items (*no clothing 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!

**Available for rent:** Celebrate retirements, anniversaries, birthdays, showers, etc. Utilize a Gymnasium, kitchen and/or individual rooms, with tables, chairs, plus plenty of parking for your guests. Alcohol may be permitted on the premises.

For further information or scheduling the facility for use please contact Janet Newcomer at 330-667-2620.

## Outdoor Movies – “Frozen” June 21<sup>st</sup> & The Lego Movie July 19<sup>th</sup>

Family Movie Night moves OUTDOORS for the summer! Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> we'll cool the summer evening with Disney's "FROZEN". Admission is FREE! Concessions open at 8:30PM offering hot dogs, popcorn, refreshments and misc. snacks. Movie will be shown at dusk behind the Community Center or in the gym during inclement weather. Bring your family, comfy chairs & blankets for an exciting evening! Join us again on July 19<sup>th</sup> when we present another recent blockbuster, "THE LEGO MOVIE".

## Flea Market / Antique Farm Show Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>

The Chatham Historical Society is sponsoring their annual Flea Market on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> from 8AM-4PM at the Community Center. Vendor spaces are available both indoors & outside. The Society will have a table for their own items for sale and would appreciate any donations! (*no clothing please*) For further information or to reserve a space, contact Arlene at 330-667-2273.

The Antique Farm Show features some of the LaGrange Engine Club's collection as well as tractors, implements, trucks, tools and other exhibits. All are welcome and we encourage others to bring their related antiques to put on display for the others to enjoy. For information please contact Charlie Siman at 216-469-0047

## Chatham Community Church Blood Drive Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>

The *air-conditioned* Chatham Community Church, 6423 Avon Lake Road is the alternate summer location for the VFW blood drive on Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2PM - 7. Please take the time to give the "Gift of Life" and make this local blood Drive a success!

## Volunteer Fire Department/EMS

Tornado Season: Just a reminder, we test the Tornado Siren every Saturday at noon. The season is upon us. The CTCC is a good shelter during eminent tornado events. A key has been provided for emergency access outside the door in a lock/break glass box. Area residents and visitors such as those at our local campgrounds may seek shelter on the lower floors.

Another service, "EVERBRIDGE" reverse 911, is available to Medina County residents. It's free, just visit Everbrige.com and register your phone number for everything from weather events to terrorism. If you have issues registering call Chief Disbrow at 330-461-0459.

**Burn Piles:** We have experienced a large number of grass/wild land fires this last month from well-meaning residents cleaning up their yards. Call us first and let us assist you in a safe burn pile operation. Call the Chief at 330-461-0459.

**New Vehicle:** We will soon take delivery of a new Dodge 3500HD brush/grass fire truck. This is a much needed replacement for our very tired 1976 Ford truck. Special thanks to our residents who continually support our Fire Levy, making this purchase possible.

**Chatham Fire Department Welcomes:** Tim Reinke, new fire fighter. Tim has past experience and comes aboard to help keep Chatham safe.

**Chatham Fire Department Accolades:** Congratulations to Brandon Ashely achieving his FF1 (*FireFighter1*) credentials. Brandon continues to be an asset to this department and volunteered many Saturdays and weeknights to further his education in Fire and rescue activity.

**Chatham Fire Department Congratulates:** Isaac Siman and Nathan Gardner on passing their Paramedic Registry exams, making them the 5th and 6th Paramedics running on our Squad.

## Do you have a Suggestion?

While our Township operates on a very limited budget we continually strive to be good stewards of our public funds. Since we are not able to address all the needs of the township, we would like know what you think. Please take a few minutes to consider what is most important to you - we'd like to hear from you so we continue to fund those things that are the highest priority to township residents.

**Cemetery:** A well-maintained final resting place is important. Are you satisfied with the cemetery's appearance? Do you have any comments regarding the fees? Is there anything you would like to see added to the grounds?

**Township Roads:** Moss Road improvements are underway. It will be sometime before we can address the north end of Richman Road. We have many culverts targeted for future replacement. Tree trimming, mowing, ditching, and cutting down the berms on all twp. roads is an ongoing process. Do you have any questions or concerns about our twp. roads or is there a problem we might not be aware of?

**Community Center:** All our public meetings are held there and many community organizations (Scouts, 4-H) use the facility at no charge. Our gym is a practice site for teams from several different sports. Zumba and Yoga classes are available and provide exercise options for adults. Numerous ongoing rentals provide revenue to offset a portion of the operating costs. While we look to find cost effective ways to maintain and update the building systems, overall the building and grounds have been a sound acquisition for the township. Do you have an idea for an event or future use of the building? Do you feel it is an asset worth maintaining long term?

**Fire Department:** The Trustees know we are very fortunate to have the number of volunteers and capable officers we have, continuing the tradition of excellent service & response to our residents in their time of need. In a few years the fire department will need to replace some of our engines due to age. We're planning for this now, and we will need you, our residents, to support our current levies as they come up for renewal. Are you satisfied with our Fire Department and the level of service provided?

**Website:** Our website serves to provide notification about upcoming events and general Township information. Are there any items or features you would like to see added to the website? Do you have experience working with websites and would you be willing to help us by volunteering to improve the website and keep it updated?

**We truly welcome your ideas & suggestions! Please submit your response via email to [chathamtwpii@frontier.com](mailto:chathamtwpii@frontier.com) OR mail to Chatham Township, PO Box 99, Spencer, Ohio 44275**

## **Chatham Township Contact Information**

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

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**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

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