

Chatham Township News

Chatham Township, Medina County, Ohio, USA

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Apple Butter Festival Days

Enjoy yourself! Spend the day in Chatham and take in the sights, smells, and tastes of our sweet town. Visit the following events during the Apple Butter Festival days held on Saturday October 8th, 12 - 6pm and Sunday October 9th, 12 - 5pm.

Apple Butter Festival at the VFW. Bring your appetite and indulge yourself with bean soup, chili, biscuits with apple butter and doughnuts. See how apple-butter is made! Inside the VFW, stroll around the **Craft Show**. Stop at the Historical Society's table at the VFW pavilion and enter a raffle for a chance to win an "autumn colored" quilt made by Sarah Bistline and a basket of "Chatham" items! They will also have t-shirts, hats and Jack Arters books for sale. Wander across the street to the Community Center's **Flea Market** where you will find a variety of goods for sale. While there, you will hear the sounds of antique gasoline engines as the **LaGrange Engine Club** will show off their member's collections of all shapes & sizes of engines from by-gone years. Stop and talk to the members, reminisce those old days! **Historical Society** museums will be open during the festival. Watch a weaver and spinner at the museum on Sunday. This is also the weekend of the **Medina County Fall Foliage Tour!**

Chatham Township Halloween

Halloween in Chatham has been scheduled for Saturday, October 29th between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Halloween Trick or Treat will be celebrated within the township center, located at the intersections of State Route 83 and State Route 162. Township residents may join us in the Chatham Township Community Center parking lot during Trick or Treat. Park your car, put on a costume if you wish, bring a chair and hand out candy to the costumed kids as they *stream* by! PRIZES for the best costume and/or "Trunk or Treat" vehicle decorations! The festivities will continue inside the Chatham Township Community Center, as all are invited to our *Halloween Party* where we'll have refreshments and activities after the completion of Trick or Treat. Socialize for a while before heading to the *HAUNTED BARN* just down the street at the Arters Farm! Please remember to exercise extreme caution when crossing the state routes. The fire department will have emergency vehicles on the streets to slow traffic and will also provide assistance in crossing the streets if necessary.

Please Vote - Election Day, November 8th

We wish to remind all residents that **Election Day this year will be held on Tuesday, November 8th, between the hours of 6:30 am and 7:30 pm.** Chatham Township polls are located at the Chatham Township VFW Hall located on State Route 83.

Cemetery-Levy

Our levy for Operating and Maintaining the Township Cemetery is on the November ballot. This 5-year renewal levy is at a rate not exceeding .2 mill (2/10ths) for each one-dollar valuation, which amounts to 2 cents for each \$100 of property valuation. The levy generates approximately \$4800.00 annually. This is a renewal levy. If passed, this tax would stay the same. It would not increase the amount of money you currently pay for the required operation and maintenance our cemetery.

When the weather permitted, our maintenance staff was ready and has kept the grounds looking superb. We were also able to proceed with planned repairs to many headstones that had cracked and fallen over the years due to age, weathering and foundation issues. We have installed some new signs and made driveway and drainage improvements as well. Please stop in and take notice of the progress that has been made.

We hope for your support in the passage of this levy. These funds are essential for the continued operation, maintenance, headstone repairs and improvements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a Trustee or the County Auditors office.

Please also remember, summer decorations should be removed by October 1st.

Meet the Candidates Night

We will host a Meet the Candidates Night at the Community Center on Thursday October 20th, at 7pm. We will have representatives from Cloverleaf Schools, the Medina County Home, Medina County Health Department and Chatham Twp. discuss their upcoming levies. Although uncontested, Twp. Trustee Charlie Siman and Fiscal Officer Sue Arters will speak. We hope to have representatives present to discuss State issues as well. We will have a microphone/speaker system to make it easier for all to hear the various presentations.

Volunteer Fire Dept

New Years Eve Party: The Chatham Firemen's Association has recently voted to host the New Years Eve Party at the Chatham VFW this year. Of course, it will be on New Years Eve. We have signed a contract with the band "Buckshot". We haven't set the price of the tickets yet, but you know it will be reasonable. Tickets will be limited so save the date. Those interested in obtaining tickets can either contact a firefighter or if you do not know one of us, you can leave a message at the station by calling 330-667-2372. These days it makes sense to stay close to home and celebrate the New Year with people you know.

Siren testing will be conducted the 1st Saturday of each month at noon.

Smoke detectors: We still have some available! Fire Department volunteers will install them in your home if required. If your present battery operated detector is over 10 years old, it is probably NOT working! If interested, please contact the Fire Dept. at 330-667-2372.

Chatham Historical Society

If you have baked items you would like to donate to the Society's table during the Apple Butter Festival, please have it to the VFW pavilion by 11:00am.

All trick-or-treaters should stop by the Museum to check out the spirits of all the ancestors of Chatham who come out for Halloween. -There will also be a person handing out candy on the porch!

The election of officers was held at the Historical Society's annual meeting on Sept. 26th. Elected were Joyce Siman- Chairman, Sarah Bistline-Vice Chairman, and Arlene Grim-Secretary & Treasurer.

The next regular meeting will be held November 28th, 7:30pm at the library museum. We will have a speaker or a show-and- tell time for our program.

The After Christmas Party will be December 28th, at 6:30pm in the north Community Church basement. Bring lots of good food or Christmas leftovers for the potluck meal. Table service and beverages will be provided. We will continue the tradition of the take away bingo so bring some small wrapped gifts to use as prizes. Come & enjoy an evening with us!

We are ALWAYS looking for new members!

Oil & Gas Leasing

Many residents have been approached by Oil & Gas Company representatives offering lease agreements for mineral rights and possible well drilling. We urge residents to seek legal advice from a qualified "oil & gas" attorney before signing a lease. The proposed horizontal drilling utilizes new technology and lease agreements need to cover all the issues related to this specific drilling procedure. Some points to consider based on activity in eastern Ohio; a typical lease is 23 pages long. Property owners have received \$2000-\$4000 per acre for a 5 year lease with 17-19% in royalties. Many Ohio residents have formed landowner groups for negotiating purposes, and we are in the process of forming one in Chatham. For information please contact Rick Dumperth, 330-667-2031 or rdumperth@frontier.com. Watch for postings on upcoming meetings concerning Oil & Gas leases.

Community Center

Trustees welcome township resident Janet Newcomer as our new "Scheduler" and coordinator of events at the Community Center. We also express our gratitude to Betty Olah who had diligently served our community in this position for the past 6 years and continues to volunteer as a Dept. member.

Party rental: Celebrate retirements, anniversaries, birthdays, showers, etc. Gymnasium & outdoor playground for kids. Guaranteed fun rain/snow or shine! We have many tables and chairs available and plenty of parking for your guests

Rental rates: meeting rooms: \$30 for use up to 3 hours, an additional \$10/hr thereafter. Gymnasium: \$10/hr for sporting events, \$100 for special events 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 upcoming events

"ZUMBA" Dance-Exercise class: Mon-Tues-Thurs 7-8pm. Sat 9-10am. Contact Carolyn Shaw at 330-667-2183.

Flea Market / LaGrange Engine Club: Saturday Oct 8th 12-6pm and Sunday Oct 9th 12-5pm. Contact Kelly Straub at 330-416-3145.

Family Movie Night: Held the 3rd Saturday of each month. Oct.15th 7pm, Join us for a SCARY classic such as FRANKENSTEIN or a HITCHCOCK thriller (title TBA) Nov. 19th showing CARS 2! Movie is free. Snacks, popcorn, pizza & refreshments are available. Bring the kids, folding chairs, and enjoy the BIG screen & even BIGGER sound!

Meet the Candidates Night: Thursday Oct 20th, 7pm

Christmas Santa Shop: Saturday December 3rd, 9am-4pm. Find that special Christmas gift at a nominal expense. Great place for KIDS to shop-Count on Santa making an appearance! Crafters & homemade crafts needed. Call Kelly Straub at 330-416-3145. *(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)*

"Donation Room": We have received numerous donations of clothes, house wares, toys, furniture etc. These items are available during nearly any event 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.

Miscellaneous

High Speed Internet: Frontier Communications is updating their infrastructure and will be capable of providing DSL High Speed Internet to nearly our entire Township. You may call them at 1-877-462-8188, press "0" for customer service to see if it is available to you. If you are told it is unavailable, please contact their local representative Jennifer Smith at 330-416-3966 or Steve Kile at 330-416-5954.

If you are signing up for service, please ask Frontier to make a donation to a local charity on your behalf, at NO additional cost to you! Eligible Charities may be viewed online at www.greatfrontierdonate.com OR ask your Frontier customer service agent about "Great Frontier Donate".

Township road culverts: In an effort to ensure proper location and drainage, as of September 1st, we will be installing all new or replacement driveway culverts on township roads. Residents will purchase the required culvert and stone and we will install or oversee the installation. Permits are \$35. For information please contact Ted Arters, Roads Maintenance Supervisor at 330-667-2924

Christmas tree disposal: After Christmas, live Christmas trees may be dropped off at the Township Maintenance Garage for disposal. To better accommodate evening or weekend drop off, we will have signs to direct you to a designated drop off area. Please remove all decorations. Trees only- no trash!

Township MVL Tax: Please make sure your tax dollars are going to the right Township! Verify that the "CHATHAM" tax district appears on your vehicle registration. If incorrect, you may change by calling 1-800-589-8247.

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We truly appreciate comments or suggestions- Rick Dumperth-editor

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