

# Chatham Township News

Chatham Township, Medina County, Ohio, USA

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**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.

## Zoning

We have had several recent resignations including Russell Miller, Chuck Aungst and Jim Venus from our Zoning Board of Appeals, and Ron Smiseck from our Zoning Board of Commissioners. We would like to express our gratitude for their years of service to our community. We welcome new Appeals Board members Don Weigel, Daniel Siman, Chad Straub and Danny Murphy as well as Commissioners Board members Rebecca Clutter and Heather Osborn. Our thanks to all residents who expressed interest in serving on these boards.

Trustees and the Board of Commissioners are involved in the review and updating of our Township Zoning Resolution. Several revisions have already been submitted for county approval. They have also approved a final draft of the Chatham Township Comprehensive Plan for Development. We will soon be announcing a public hearing for the adoption of these proposed revisions and the Comprehensive Plan.

## Roads

Most residents are probably aware that our longtime Roads Maintenance Supervisor, Chuck Aungst has retired. We thank Chuck for his 32 years of service as well as ALL he has done our community, and wish him good health and prosperity.

We are pleased to announce that Ted Arters is our new Roads Maintenance Supervisor. Fortunately, Ted has been working with Chuck this past year and a half, and we expect a smooth transition.

Our recent part time help wanted ads produced a nearly overwhelming amount of responses. We welcome Gerry (*Bear*) Smith as our newly hired part time Roads Maintenance employee as well as Evan Hollopeter and David Sapienza whom we hired to assist with mowing on an as needed basis. Trustees extend our thanks to all who submitted applications.

We have received our new roadside-mowing tractor, replacing our 20-year-old tractor-mower, which was traded in on the purchase.

This past winter was unusually harsh, and our road surfaces sustained some damage. The "April showers" have been relentless. Please bear with us as repairs will be made when time & weather permits. Road resurfacing, patching, brush clearing and many drainage problems will be addressed. We will work with our residents as much as possible in resolving these issues. Residents planting trees and shrubs, please be aware that road right of ways are typically 60ft, approximately 30 ft each direction from the road centerline. Also, please try to install your mail and newspaper boxes in a location that is set back from the road berm, ideally with a pull off. This will allow room for our snowplow and other road maintenance equipment to pass by without damaging them.

## Cemetery-Levy

Our cemetery levy will soon be expiring and we will be placing a renewal levy on the upcoming November ballot. This 5 year, .2 (2/10ths) mill levy amounts to 2 cents for each \$100 of property valuation. The levy generates approximately \$4800.00 annually. We are requesting 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a Trustee or the County Auditors office.

Cemetery driveway, parking area and turnaround improvements were made last year. We will be repairing many headstones that have cracked and fallen over the years due to age, weathering and foundation issues.

To aid in our ability to economically and properly maintain the cemetery grounds, please observe and follow our policy for decorations; Winter decorations are to be removed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, summer decorations removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Community Center upcoming events

**Flea Market:** Second Saturday of every month, 8am-3pm. Next one is May 14<sup>th</sup>. For information contact Kelly Straub 330-416-3145 or Betty Olah 330-667-2119

**Flea Market / Rummage sale:** Pre-Memorial Day Flea Market- Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>, Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> will be held from 8am-3 at the Community Center along with the annual Rummage sale at the Chatham Community Church sponsored by the Chatham Community Church Women's Group.

**Flea Market / Antique Engine Show** Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 8am-3, sponsored by the Chatham Historical Society with displays provided by the LaGrange Antique Engine Club. For information call 330-667-2273 or 330-667-2276.

**Family Movie Night-FREE:** Third Saturday of each month. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM we will feature "**Secretariat**". Movies are shown in the gymnasium on our "BIG" screen using a projector & theater quality sound system. There is no charge for the movie. We will have snacks, popcorn, pizza and refreshments available. Bring your kids and your favorite folding chair for an enjoyable night out. For information please contact Kelly Straub at 330-416-3145

**Zumba-dance/exercise classes:** Every Monday-Tuesday-Thursday, 7-8pm and Saturday 9-10am. For information contact Carolyn Shaw at 330-667-2183.

**Facility rental:** Planning a party? Whether an anniversary, retirement, birthday, or graduation, the facility is a great choice! Please contact our scheduler Betty Olah, at 330-667-2119

## Chatham Historical Society

The next regular meeting of the Chatham Historical Society will be held on May 23, 2011 at the library museum at 7:30 pm. On the agenda will be the discussion of our preparation and serving the alumni banquet, as well as the upcoming flea market.

The Alumni Association Banquet will be held on Sat. June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The Historical Society will prepare and serve dinner. Reservations must be made to Judith Summers at 330-667-2142. Any graduate or attendee of Chatham School is welcome to attend. There will be a table of items from Chatham School and we would like all to bring school items to the display. The library museum and school will be open from 4-6pm.

The Historical Society will be sponsoring a Flea Market / Antique Engine show on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center from 8-3pm. Tables will be available inside and outdoors. The Society will have a table and donations would be appreciated. The LaGrange Engine Club will have some of their antique engines on display! For further information and an application please call 330-667-2273 or 330-667-2276.

## Volunteer Fire Department

**Possibly the worst call you could ever get!** You know the call. Your child, parent or a loved one has been in a car accident. But what if nobody knew whom to call? It happens more often than it should and there is a relatively easy fix to the problem. Almost everyone has a cell phone now and children usually list “Mom” and “Dad” in the contact list. Mom and Dad don’t list their children as “children” though. Nonetheless, many times cell phones do not survive severe car accidents so the police have to try and find the right person to call. The fix: The State of Ohio License Bureau allows you to add two contact names and phone numbers to any ones driver license just by going to their website at <https://www.dps.state.oh.us/netsys/netdb/ENGLISH/MMENU.asp> You will need your drivers license number and the last four digits of your Social Security number to log in. We pray that you will never get that call or need this information but I know if it were my child in an accident, I would want to know without delay.

**Mark your Calendar;** 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. That’s about the only detail we have in stone. We are in the process of looking for a live band and 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. We will have the details for the next newsletter. These days it makes sense to stay close to home and celebrate the New Year with people you know.

## Chatham V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary Post 6892

**Memorial Day Observed** at the Chatham V.F.W. Memorial Hall on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am. After the program inside, a parade forms for a march to the cemetery and back to the center of town for a service at the Memorial monument, then return to the VFW. Following the parade, a community picnic will be held at the VFW pavilion. Please provide several covered dishes to share. Paper products & drinks furnished. Bring your family and enjoy!

Above all, honor our veterans by displaying your flags!

## Township Website

In a continuing effort to reduce the cost of publication and mailing, newsletters are available for viewing on our website. If the online version OR emailing a copy of this newsletter directly to you is an acceptable alternative to receiving it in the mail, please advise us by emailing us at [chathamtwpii@frontier.com](mailto:chathamtwpii@frontier.com). Please include your name, street address, and preferred email address. Upon receipt we will remove you from the postal service mailing list.

See our website for information about upcoming meetings and events in our community. Many pictures, general updates and additions are planned for this year. It’s a work in progress; any & all comments or suggestions are appreciated!

## Township Spring Clean-Up Dates Set

Mark your calendars; the spring clean up for Chatham Township residents has been set for **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**. You may bring your items for disposal in our trash dumpsters between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00PM to the Chatham Township Maintenance building located at 6539 Avon Lake Road. Please remember that all residents are expected to respect these restrictions:

- 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 paint
- No boats
- No oil or antifreeze
- No propane tanks

## Chatham Township Contact Information

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