Chatham Township News

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In a continuing effort to reduce the cost of publication and mailing, this and all future newsletters will be 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 . 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. We will also be posting our Trustee meeting minutes starting with January 2011.Please keep in mind that since the official meeting minutes must first be approved by the Trustees, there will be an approximate 2 week delay before they will be available for viewing online.

Zoning Board Position Openings

Due to some recent resignations, we are currently looking for individuals to serve as members of either our Zoning Board of Appeals or Zoning Board of Commissioners. Please submit a letter of interest with contact information, by either emailing us at our Township email address or by mailing to Susan Arters, PO Box 99, Spencer, Ohio 44275.

The Community Center

Planning a party? Whether an **anniversary, retirement, birthday, or graduation,** the facility is a great choice! With a gymnasium, kitchen & outdoor playground for kids you are guaranteed to have fun rain, snow or shine! We have many tables and chairs available and plenty of parking for your guests. Meeting rooms are also available for rent, all at very reasonable rates. Please contact our scheduler Betty Olah, at 330-667-2119

Seeking Volunteers and ideas: Have an idea for a Chatham Twp Community Center event or use? We are always looking for new ways to better utilize our facility and offer more to our residents. Event staffing is sometimes difficult and we would welcome anyone who is willing to offer their time and/or resources to organize or help conduct events. If you are such a person, or are a member of a business or organization with an idea, please contact Rick Dumperth at 330-667-2031 or rdumperth@frontier.com .

Community Center upcoming events

Flea Market: Second Saturday of each month starting **Feb. 12th** 8am-3pm. Additionally, there will be a Flea Market & Craft Fair scheduled **EVERY weekend in March**, both Saturday & Sunday from 9am–3. The second Saturday of the month schedule resumes in April. For information contact Kelly Straub 330-416-3145 or Betty Olah 330-667-2119

Roller Skating: Saturday Feb. 12th 6-8pm $2.50/person. Heely's, Skates & Rollerblades welcome. We have some skates for your use at *no charge*. Enjoy music, snacks and fun! For information contact Kelly Straub 330-416-3145

Family Movie Night-FREE: Third Saturday of each month. February 19th, 7:00 PM showing **"Nanny McPhee Returns"** Movies are shown in the gymnasium on our newly acquired "BIG" screen using a projector & sound system. There is no charge for the movie. We will have snacks, popcorn, pizza and refreshments available. For information please contact Kelly Straub at 330-416-3145

Fifth annual Soup & Salad Supper -Mark your calendars! There will be a community sponsored soup and salad supper at the Chatham Township Community Center [CTCC] on February 26th beginning at 5:28 pm. Whether a township resident or not, you are invited to attend and taste the wide variety of Chatham Township homemade soups. "Take-out" orders will also be available. Donations are greatly appreciated as the proceeds of this event go towards supplies and maintenance of the Chatham Township Community Center. For further information please contact Sue Jurkowski 330-667-3286 or Betty Olah at 330-667-2119.

Exercise class: Times are flexible, call now & get in shape! For information contact Carolyn Shaw at 330-667-2183.

Volunteer Fire Department

Are You Following Debris Burning laws? Brush, tree trimmings, stumps, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues may be burned only on the property where they originated. Also permissible to burn are wastes such as wood or paper that are generated by 1, 2, or 3 family residences, agricultural wastes including fence posts and scrap lumber. People responsible for the fire must ensure that the fire is located at a point on the premises no less than 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not located on the property. Food waste, dead animals, and materials containing rubber, grease, or petroleum (such as tires & plastics) cannot be burned anywhere. **Burning a building is not allowed.** If you are planning a large burn of some type, or if you are considering burning a structure or building, please contact our Fire Department first. Avoid an unnecessary Fire Dept. response! Township Volunteer Fire Department: 330-667-2372 Fire Chief Byron Fike 330-421-7504

When spring finally arrives, please use caution when burning ditches, stumps, etc. **Brush fires** can spread quickly, cause damage, and require a lot of manpower & equipment to extinguish. Winds can quickly change fires from under control to *out of control!*

Is your driveway well marked? Sometimes snow can make distinguishing driveways nearly impossible. Imagine the need for a Fire or EMS response and they are unable to see your driveway entrance or path! Please consider and mark your driveway with stakes or reflectors. Also make sure you have ample overhead and side-to-side clearance down your driveway for the larger emergency vehicles. Remove obstructions such as tree branches and address any issues with overhead wires. Make sure your street address is clearly visible. Your consideration will allow our department to make a fast response when you are in need.

Green address signs are available for purchase. Please contact our Fire Dept. for details.

Chatham Youth Baseball/Softball Signups

All boys & girls ages 5-14 welcome. Feb. 19-20th @ Chatham VFW from 12-4pm
Contact Paul Gray at 330-667-8102 or Russ Arters at 330-667-2591

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

Sugarbush: The Sugarbush is held every weekend in March, (March 5th and 6th; March 12th and 13th; March 19th and 20th; and March 26th and 27th) at the Chatham V.F.W Hall. Hours are Saturday from noon to 6:00pm and Sunday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This event is one of the main fundraisers for the V.F.W. Post.

Easter Egg hunt for Chatham Township: This event will be held at the Chatham V.F.W. grounds on Saturday, April 23rd, at 11:00am, for preschool through grade 6, and also includes a free-for-all for all ages. Bring containers for eggs. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Swiss Steak Supper: The Chatham V.F.W. Auxiliary will once again be holding their Swiss Steak Supper for the public in mid-April at the V.F.W. Hall. Watch for future postings, date and time to be announced.

The Ladies Auxiliary Post is trying to compile a list of our township men & women serving in the military. This information can be forwarded to Marlene Galaszewski at 330-667-2558.

Chatham Historical Society

The 1854 Chatham Town Hall is resting comfortably on its new foundation located behind the Community Center. The Historical Society eventually will be leasing the building from the township, and will be holding fundraisers and accepting donations to fund the restoration. This historical building was the former site of Township meetings, Board of Education meetings, party caucuses, voting, WWI weekly Red Cross gatherings, and cheese factory settlement meetings. This restoration was a vision that began with the contributions and efforts of two of our beloved residents, Frannie Grim and Frank Munz, whose unfortunate passing last year has left a void in our hearts and community. Your volunteer efforts and donations will help make their vision a reality. The Society has acquired IRS 501c3 status, which will allow donations to be tax exempt. If you are interested in contributing or volunteering, please contact Charlie or Joyce Siman at 330-667-2276.

The Chatham Historical Society will hold their next regular meeting on February 28th at 7:30pm in the library museum located next to the Community Center. Showing pictures of the Old Town Hall move is on the agenda! If you took pictures on that day, please bring them along to show. We will also finalize plans for 2011.

On March 28th at 7:30pm in the basement of the North Community Church located next to the Community Center, the Historical Society will host a Civil War presentation by Bill Kohl, whose great-grandfather was a member of the 3rd Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He will discuss uniforms and equipment of the Civil War. There will be time for crowd participation including questions and answers. PLEASE JOIN US for an informative evening!

Township Spring Clean-Up Dates Set

Mark your calendars; the spring clean-up for Chatham Township residents has been set for **Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th**. 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

Breakfast Club

Monthly informational meetings are being held at the Spencer Restaurant, corner of State Routes 162 and 301 in Spencer. On Tuesday, Feb 8th at 9:30am the featured speaker will cover various retirement & investment options. Attendees will receive information, a free coffee or a free breakfast. Contact Annette at 440-387-8777 for details.

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