

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2021



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HARVEST FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2021 started off on a positive note for the CTHS with the installation of the new Ward Avenue Museum sign. We want to thank all those who participated in national Giving Tuesday, as it was through your generous donations we were able to replace the deteriorating sign. Our annual CTHS Membership Meeting was a virtual success. Many members joined the February Zoom event to hear Kate DiMemmo's annual report. We were happy to safely accomplish so much despite the pandemic. Our meeting speaker was Meta Janowitz, a historical archaeologist, who presented: "Made in New Jersey? Redware and Other Vessels in the Collections of the Chesterfield Township Historical Society." And, we also welcomed new board member, Jane Ryan. Spring will be here soon, so remember our annual plant sale. All of this information and so much more is available at chesterfieldtwphistoricalsoc.org. Thank you for your continued support.

CROSSWICKS LIBRARY

Crosswicks Library offers ongoing programs including Book Club, Mahjongg, Lego Club, Story Time, Music Class, Play Dough Fun, Nifty Knitting, Make n Take, and Bridge Class.

In addition to these programs we also offer one-time events.

We request RSVPs for all our special programs.

CHESTERFIELD KEENAGERS

Celebrated 41 years as a senior group on March 1, 2020. Welcoming new members 55+ to come join us for a yearly dues of \$5.00.

Meetings are held twice a month on 2nd & 4th Wednesday except for the months of July & August. Each meeting starts with a luncheon provided by our members followed by the meeting & scheduled activities.

Come out and see us we are a group of very congenial happy seniors. Give us a try and bet you will become one of the group.

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CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chesterfield Township Fire Department is actively looking for volunteers of all levels. In March 2019, we consolidated Fire District #1 & Fire District #2 into one Fire District and most recently one fire company. Currently we are staffed with a Lieutenant and two (2) firefighters from 7 AM - 5 PM Monday through Friday. In addition, there is 1 (one) firefighter/Driver from 5 PM – 7 AM Monday through Friday and around the clock on weekends which during these times the rest of the crew is made up of volunteer firefighters.

Our qualified volunteer firefighter numbers are down due to numerous reasons, from older members becoming inactive to younger members becoming career firefighters in other towns. Chesterfield Township has doubled in size in the last 15 years. However, our active membership is down at least two-thirds from 15 years ago. We accept anyone that wants to volunteer. We have an associate membership, a junior firefighter program that starts at the age of 16 and an active membership. All members attend meetings and assist with fire company functions. Those who choose to pursue becoming qualified firefighters, will receive their training and protective gear at no cost to them. Our Junior Firefighter Program is a great opportunity for anyone who may want to pursue a career as a firefighter. RCBC offers a Technical Science Degree Program and a handful of the required courses are normally covered for our volunteers. In addition, there is a Volunteer Tuition Credit Program in which a volunteer in good standing, their spouse and dependent children, could be eligible to receive tuition credit in the amount of \$600 per year over a four year service period.

In the last fifteen years, we have had at least 17 members who became career firefighters. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member can attend our meetings which are the first Monday of every month at 7:30 PM. Stop by the fire house at any time or call (609) 298-1024 if you would like more information about joining.

CROSSWICKS COMMUNITY HOUSE

Follow our Facebook page for community events all throughout the year. Hosting a party or event? Consider renting the Crosswicks Community House, charming and spacious with large kitchen and brand new playground. Rental information can be found at crosswickscommunityhouse.org.

Driveway Permits Required

Driveway permits are required for all work done on driveway aprons. A driveway apron is the surface area located between the roadway and the driveway.

All driveway aprons on residential properties in the Township (not otherwise reviewed and approved by the Planning Board) shall have a minimum width of 20 feet at the paved edge of the municipal street and be paved back a distance of 20 feet from the paved edge of the road until the apron connects with the entrance of the driveway, which entrance shall have a minimum width of 12 feet.

Prior to paving, please submit application to the Township Clerk's office. Two copies of a site plan will be required along with the application. Application fee is \$100 and if there is drainage or swale an escrow of \$500 will be required to cover engineer inspection costs.

Safe Medication Disposal



Chesterfield Township is pleased to announce our new Safe Medication Disposal site. Located in the lobby of the Municipal Building directly outside of the Police Station, it will be accessible during all regular township hours 8:30a – 4:00p Monday thru Friday. Throughout the country, residents in the past had been encouraged to flush drugs down the toilet, but negative environmental impacts to waterways have been identified and this is now discouraged. Scientific studies have shown that pharmaceuticals – including antibiotics, anti-convulsants, mood stabilizers and sex hormones - are commonly found in trace amounts in drinking water supplies throughout New Jersey and the rest of the country. And disposal of medications within regular trash leads to increased contamination of landfills and a rise in management costs as the leachate is routinely pumped from the landfill sumps. In addition, due to a drastic increase in the abuse of household pharmaceuticals, law enforcement is recommending swifter removal of unused medications from households, and a higher level of vigilance on safeguarding drugs from abuse. We are proud that Chesterfield is now part of the solution by offering a means for our residents to safely dispose of medications that are no longer needed. We urge everyone to make use of this important resource.