

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

June 1, 2021



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HARVEST FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

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THURSDAY, JULY 29TH

6-8PM

VILLAGE SQUARE PARK

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CTAA)

Registration is now open for Soccer and Flag Football
www.ctaasports.org to sign up.

COACHES NEEDED FOR SOCCER AND FLAG FOOTBALL.

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We are happy to announce that the CTHS Ward Avenue Museum is open and the Summer Speaker Series has begun. Please join us at 2:00 on Sunday, June 13th for Nancy Nelson's talk on "Making Sense of a Census" and on Sunday, June 27th for Tim Kuser and Clifford Zink as they talk about the history of Mercer Automobile. A full summer schedule can be found at the CTHS website. Be sure to view the exhibit plans on display in the museum. New exhibits will be ready for the 2022-2023 season. Thank you to those who supported our annual perennial plant sale. Another successful year! Our next event at 2 Front Street is the Garden Party featuring guest speaker Kelsey Ford of Ford's Nest Farm. Please join us for a talk on flowers, a silent auction and socializing! June 5, 2-5pm. 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 TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chicken BBQ is back, July 25th & September 12th all orders takeout only, more information on the Chesterfield Township Fire District website www.ctfd1.org.

The 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 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.