

# CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2020



**SAVE THE DATE**

**HARVEST FEST 2020**

**SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Rain Date September 27<sup>TH</sup>

## **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CTAA)**

CTAA Golf Outing June 5 at Cream Ridge Golf Course  
12pm Start

CTAA Looking For Co-Commissioners for All Sports

CTAA Looking For Coaches for Baseball

Please reach out to John Kelly if you are interested.

## **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.

## **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](http://crosswickscommunityhouse.org).

## **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.

Additionally, one of our biggest fundraisers is our Chicken BBQ which brings people from all over. The dates for our Chicken BBQs this year are April 26<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup> and September 13<sup>th</sup>. All BBQs are from noon until sold out and all are take- out only.

## **CHESTERFIELD KEENAGERS**

Celebrating 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.

Marjorie Wenski- President contact address is [mewarena@verizon.net](mailto:mewarena@verizon.net)

## **CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Chesterfield Township Historical Society commenced 2020 with our annual meeting on February 9 at the Chesterfield Baptist Church. The meeting began with a short video clip commemorating the 100th Tree Lighting in Crosswicks. Longtime residents recounted the tree lighting tradition. Ben and

Dan Wolverton created the video for the historical society. Our president Kate DiMemmo highlighted the many events and accomplishments of 2019 and what to look forward to in 2020. Kate thanked Vince Pocino, of Chesterfield for saving and donating an original "Brick's Mincemeat" sign from the old factory that once stood in Crosswicks. Vince is currently restoring the blacksmith shop on the mincemeat factory property. Karl Braun thanked Aidan Quinn for creating the new historical markers throughout the township. This was Aidan's Eagle Scout project and he did an excellent job. Be on the lookout for his beautiful signs throughout the township. Liz Bressi-Stoppe from the Alice Paul Institute in Mt. Laurel spoke about suffragist Alice Paul, "*New Jersey's Heroine for Equality*" and the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

**Save the Date!** March 30, 2020 when the historical societies of Chesterfield and Bordentown join together for a fun night of food and trivia for the first ever Historical Societies Trivia Night at Mangia in Bordentown. Please visit our website to purchase tickets to this fundraising event. Looking to the spring, the Ward Avenue Museum opens on May 3. Check out the website for our Summer Speaker Series. Saturday, June 6 is the Garden Party. We will have a professional appraiser on site, so find something old or unusual and stop by to see *What It's Worth!* As always, please visit our website for more information on all of the mentioned events: [chesterfieldtwphistoricalsoc.org](http://chesterfieldtwphistoricalsoc.org) . Thank you for your support!

## **FERNBROOK FARMS**

Now that winter (did we ever really have it?!) is turning into spring, there is so much to look forward to at Fernbrook Farms Environmental Education Center!

Spring Camp Days (4/8-4/10, 4/13-4/17, 5/22), Summer Camp Open Houses (3/28, 4/25, 5/30), Spring Homeschool Semester (3/24-5/14), Plant, Tomato, & Herb Sale (5/2-5/10), Afterschool Programs (everyday!), and brand NEW...FAMILY Camp Day (5/9)! So many ways to get outside this spring!

Be sure to visit our website for more information on all our programs: <https://www.fernbrookfarms.com/center/about-the-center/>

## **CHESTERFIELD CLEAN COMMUNITIES**

Clean Communities in Chesterfield is scheduled for “clean-up days” the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

If your local organization is interested in participating contact Rachel Fryc @ [rachel@chesterfieldtwp.com](mailto:rachel@chesterfieldtwp.com)

### **Chesterfield Environmental Fun Day**

Get ready for Chesterfield’s Annual Environmental Fun Day! Spend the day visiting our local animals, tree planting, and educational sessions on recycling and wildlife while enjoying the array of crafts, games and food trucks.

Save the Date- Chesterfield Environmental Committee and Green Team cordially invite you on April 18th from 10 A.M- 2 P.M to the Chesterfield Municipal Building located on 295 Bordentown Chesterfield road.

During the morning and afternoon we will have two recycling educational workshops at 10 A.M and 11:30 A.M as well as local wildlife sessions at 11A.M and 1 P.M. Our township is a proud protector of local animals so come down to meet them! The wildlife zoo will feature Owen the opossum, Willow the owl, and Blossom the beaver. We will be celebrating our 20th year as a certified Tree City by planting our newest tree at the municipal building as well. Throughout the day flower painting, crafts, and food trucks will be available to enjoy. Take the opportunity to drop off any old electronics or textiles such as worn clothes and blankets in our recycling boxes and stop by the pollinator display of information on bees and butterflies while you’re at it. This day will be un-bee-leivably great!

### **Reusable Green Bag Initiative**

Have you ever seen plastic bags on the side of the road while driving to work, or going to school, maybe even on your way to get groceries? One plastic bag can take up to 20 years to completely decompose into toxic particles. December 30, 2019 a new ordinance was discussed during our Chesterfield Township committee meeting regarding single use plastic bags and how the Chesterfield community can reduce the intake of these bags or stop them altogether. While no action was taken upon this, UNA-USA South Jersey, SEWA, and the Green Team have come together and taken on a new initiative: reusable bags. The main goal for distributing these bags to each house is to reduce the town’s plastic waste and take the next step towards becoming a green community. The expected time for the delivery of these bags will be around summertime. Ravi Arya, chair of UNA-USA South Jersey, states “my team and I are working to bring about a new culture of sustainable shopping and environmental appreciation.” Over 40% of our residents don’t know that plastic bags cannot be recycled. These sturdy reusable bags are extremely versatile and the safest alternative for the environment. Rather than wasting multiple plastic bags weekly, we should utilize these reusable bags and participate in saving our planet and decreasing our single-use plastic consumption.



# Holi – Festival of Colors at Chesterfield

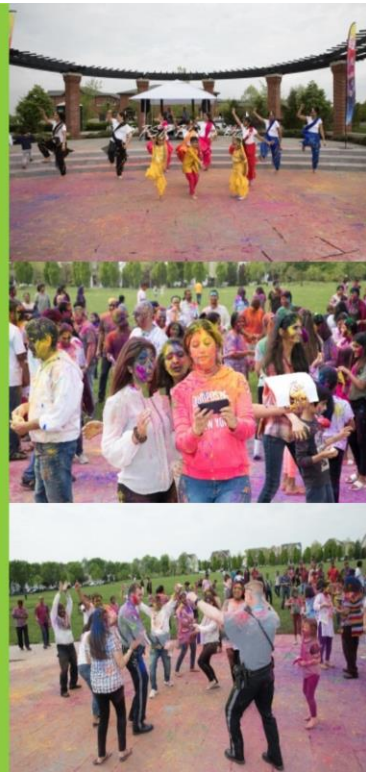


On Saturday, April – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
(Rain Date April – 18<sup>th</sup>)  
@ 12 pm – 4 pm  
Village Center, 30 Saddle Way,  
Chesterfield NJ

**This is a FREE event**

Join us with family and friends for annual Holi celebrations  
DJ Music, Food Vendors, Colors to purchase (\$2/pack)

For Vendors and Advertising  
Email: [holi.chesterfield@gmail.com](mailto:holi.chesterfield@gmail.com), Phone: (908) 590-9200



## 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.