

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2021



CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CTAA)

Thank you to all the coaches and parent volunteers that helped make this soccer and flag football seasons such a success! We're excited to have basketball back this year! Practices will begin in late December early January.

www.ctaasports.org

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Chesterfield Township Historical Society recently held its successful Annual Plein Air event on Saturday, October 9 at 2 Front Street. Over 40, 2021 paintings are now also available for purchase on our website chesterfieldtwphistoricalsoc.org. Any artists interested in participating next year, please visit the CTHS website for entry information.

The CTHS Knights at the Museum was held on Friday, October 22, this event included a recently donated display of a uniform from the 1948 Chesterfield Knights baseball team.

The CTHS would like to have pictures of Chesterfield Township houses decorated for the holidays to upload to a video on our website if you are interested in participating you can email the Historical Society at chesterfieldtwphistoricalsoc@gmail.com.

The CTHS Holiday Centerpiece Making will be held on Sunday, December 12 from 12- 3 p.m. We will again be having greens for sale outside for pickup only. Visit the website for details.

The CTHS has recently presented Chesterfield Township Elementary School with slide presentation for the teachers to use to help teach the history of Chesterfield Township. Many thanks to Chesterfield Township resident and CTHS Board member Nancy Restuccia for putting this presentation together.

The CTHS Ward Avenue Museum Summer Speaker Series was a huge success and continued to bring visitors and community members together.

The CTHS Museum will be soon be starting to undergo it's much anticipated transformation update, visit our website for a preview of the new exhibit plan.

More information is available at chesterfieldtwphistoricalsoc.org. Thank you for your continued support.

CROSSWICKS LIBRARY

Crosswicks Library offers ongoing programs including Book Club, Mahjonn, 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

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 received 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.