

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



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COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Chatham Township Committee** has had an active spring reviewing annual reports from various Departments and passing a number of ordinances and resolutions aimed at improving the quality of life of residents. In a continued effort to increase our transparency with residents we now provide video replays of our meetings - view them [here](#).

Join Us: The Chatham Township Committee typically meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Township Municipal Building located at 58 Meyersville Road. Committee meetings are also broadcast live on Comcast channel 29 and FiOS channel 26.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Protect your home this summer by following these simple tips:

1. **DO** have a neighbor, family member or friend collect mail, newspapers, or anything else that may indicate that the home is unoccupied.
2. **DON'T** post your vacation plans on any social networking sites. Burglars can use sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. to target your home while you're on vacation.
3. **DO** make sure that your home looks like it is being lived in e.g. set timers for the lights to come on and off periodically throughout the day, making it a little more difficult for an intruder to know whether someone is or isn't in the home.
4. **DO** keep record of all valuables including pictures and any serial numbers.
5. **DON'T** ever leave a spare key anywhere outside of your home.

If you would like the **Police** to assess your home before you leave for vacation this summer, please call 973-377-0100.



LIKE & FOLLOW US

Chatham Township has established a presence on Facebook and Twitter. Be

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sure to 'Like Us' and 'Follow Us' to keep abreast of the various events taking place around town, as well as important emergency notifications.

Read more [here](#).

www.facebook.com/chathamtownshipgovernment

www.twitter.com/chathamtownship

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Butterfly Flower by Tom Salvias

Send **us** your Chatham Township-themed photo for possible inclusion in a future newsletter.

COLONY POOL



"Dive into Summer"

The Colony Recreation Center

summer season gets into full swing with new features and additions

that promise to make this the best summer yet! There's something for everyone – our swim and tennis programs, the new "Teen Dock" at the pool, snack bar enhancements, Adult Social Evenings, the July 4th celebration, a new BBQ contest, and the popular Fitness Boot Camp and Yoga programs return this year. But wait, there's more. Check out the Colony Recreation Center on **Facebook**, and the event calendars on the **Colony Recreation pages**. Visit **Community Pass** to register.

ALERT CHATHAM TOWNSHIP



The Chatham Township Committee recently launched **Alert Chatham Township Now! (ACT Now!)** a new campaign designed to increase the number of individuals and local businesses registered for the Township's Emergency & Community Alert System. Read more about this initiative [here](#) or register and manage your existing profile [here](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY

Celebrate History by Making History. June 14th is the annual **Fishawack Festival** that begins with the traditional one mile and four mile runs sponsored by the Jaycees. This year, it's also the Centennial of the Chatham Train Station celebration and unveiling of Public Arts Council mural at the Fairmount Avenue underpass. Join the community for a day of fun, history, discovery and a Guinness World Record attempt for "whistle blowing!" Read more [here](#).



DID YOU KNOW...

No permits are required for garage, yard or estate sales. Please put signs on stakes and not on utility poles. Promptly clean up and remove signs after the sale. If you have any questions about parking, please contact the Chatham Township Police Department at 973-377-0100.



SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Glorious Garden Tour & More starts with a Kick Off Cocktail Party on Friday June 6th and the Garden Tour is on Saturday June 7th from 10 AM to 3 PM. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Senior Services of the Chathams. Read more [here](#).

LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS

The Library of the Chathams has a complete calendar of events on their [website](#). In addition, you can get "Book Ends," their monthly newsletter. Sign up [here](#).

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT:

TAX DEPARTMENT

The 3rd quarter estimated tax bills will be mailed in June which due August 1st. Taxpayers should be aware that if they do not receive a bill for taxes or sewer, they are still responsible for paying any interest owed if the payment is not received by the due date - February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. Sewer taxes are due March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. Tax and sewer payments can be made online at www.chathamtownship-nj.gov under "Online Payments" link on the left.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Did you know the Chatham Emergency Squad has more than 80 volunteers who are the first ones to respond to 911 medical emergencies - in 2013 the Squad responded to 1043 dispatches of which 549 were in the Township? Take a moment to learn more about all they do and how you can help. New members are always welcome. Learn more [here](#).



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The latest addition to the Historic Marker Project is this one in Green Village. Installed recently on the Green, the marker tells the story of this 18th century unincorporated community settled by farmers and mill owners drawn to the resources of the Great Swamp. Read more about the Historic Marker Project on the Historical Society [website](#) and visit their [Facebook](#) page.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

View the Chatham Township calendar [here](#). It includes Committee and various Board meeting dates and recycling days.

June 14 – **Fishawack Festival**

June 21 – **Fire Department Family BBQ and Pig Roast**

July 4 – July 4th Parade – Main Street

The Chatham Township Committee consists of Mayor Kevin Sullivan, Deputy Mayor Curt Ritter, Kathy Abbott, Bailey Brower, Jr. and Robert Gallop.