

# CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



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## COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Chatham Township Committee** has been active with a number of items highlighted throughout the newsletter including the 2015 budget, the Pilgrim Pipeline and creating a new fee structure for The Colony Pool Club. As a reminder, if you are unable to attend a meeting, you can still view a replay of the meeting online [here](#). We hope to see you at a future Township meeting.

**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. You can also view prior meetings online [here](#).

## FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER

### DRIVE UNDERWAY

#### The Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department

has kicked off its first membership drive in more than 15 years. Interested residents over 18 years of age, and those between 16-18 years of age, are encouraged to email the department at [membership@ctfd.org](mailto:membership@ctfd.org) to inquire about becoming a Firefighter or Junior Firefighter respectively.



## FEATURED COMMUNITY PHOTO



*Snow Day Fun - by Laura Ferchak*

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

## THE COLONY POOL CLUB

We invite you to join us this summer at The Colony Pool Club. ([www.TheColonyPoolClub.org](http://www.TheColonyPoolClub.org))

Located in the heart of Chatham Township, the Club features amenities and special events of interest to families, seniors and young adults alike. If you're looking to experience an enjoyable summer - resting your feet or building sand castles in over 8,300 square feet of soft beach sand, exercising in one of our six 25-meter swimming lanes, attending a family BBQ, adult social or movie night then The Colony Pool Club is your summer getaway. Click [here](#) to view the Club's **new website** and join in the fun!



## 2015 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

The Township Committee is pleased to announce that the municipal tax rate, after remaining basically flat for the past four years, will decrease in 2015 by a full cent to \$0.28 per \$100 of assessed value. This decrease will give the Township the smallest tax rate for the municipal portion of the tax bill since 2007! Few, if any, municipalities in NJ can match this accomplishment. Learn more about the 2015 Township budget process [here](#).

## PILGRIM PIPELINE UPDATE



View the video from the recent Community Meeting on the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline project [here](#), read about PSE&G opposing Pilgrim's use of its land for its pipeline [here](#) and view the discussion about the Committee's Amendment to Land Development Regulations to Prohibit Pipelines [here](#) and view the ordinance [here](#).

*Note: Click on the **BOLD** text to view the related link.*

## SCHOOL REFERENDUM NEWS

Click [here](#) to view additional details on the upcoming Referendum and view prior BOE meetings [here](#). Remember to vote on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM at the High School Gymnasium.



## BEAR MANAGEMENT



The State's Bear Management Policy has been updated. Effective this year, the current zones in which hunting is permitted will include the remainders

of Hunterdon, Somerset and Morris counties, a small additional portion of Passaic County, and a small portion of Mercer County. This will help control the population in areas where reports of bear and human encounters have been increasing due to bears expanding their habitat. Learn more [here](#).

## LIKE & FOLLOW US

**facebook**

Our Facebook and Twitter pages have seen a significant increase in 'Likes' and 'Follows'. If you

haven't already, be sure to 'Like Us' and 'Follow Us'. [facebook.com/chathamtownshipgovernment](https://www.facebook.com/chathamtownshipgovernment)  
[twitter.com/chathamtownship](https://twitter.com/chathamtownship)

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCK:

## CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

When was the last time you tested the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home?

Remember, when you change your clock - change your batteries.



## SUICIDE PREVENTION



If you are in a crisis, please call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) and you'll be connected to a skilled, trained counselor, or visit [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



Special thanks to the Department of Public Works for their efforts this past winter in keeping our roads clear. They spent more than 1,300 hours plowing and distributed 1,482 tons of salt and 283 tons of salt and sand mix.

## TAX ASSISTANCE

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance will be held on Wednesdays through April 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to bring all of your financial records from 2014, copies of your 2014 Federal and State tax returns, and all printed and blank forms from the Internal Revenue Service. Appointments for this free service may be made in person or by calling the library at 973-635-0603.

## BITE INTO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE!

**MARCH**  
**National Nutrition Month**



The Township Committee passed a Resolution to

increase awareness of nutrition and one's health. Learn more about this national initiative [here](#), or for a free one-on-one nutrition consultation contact Monica Hansen, RD a member of the Chatham Mayors Wellness Committee, at 973-377-8350 or [monica.hansen@wakefern.com](mailto:monica.hansen@wakefern.com)

## ALERT CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Alert Chatham Township Now!** (**ACT Now!**) is the Township's Emergency & Community Alert System. Register and manage your existing profile [here](#).



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## SUPPORT YOUR FIRE

### DEPARTMENTS



Chatham Township is blessed to have two outstanding **all-volunteer** fire departments. The **Chatham Township** and **Green Village**

Volunteer Fire Departments are two independent non-profit agencies that survive heavily on donations. In 2014, 28% of residents contributed to the Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department. Please consider supporting your local Fire Departments by donating online [here](#) for Chatham Township and [here](#) for Green Village. Thank you for your consideration.

## THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Chatham Community Garden, located at 87 Woodland Avenue, welcomes gardeners for its 2015 growing season. For details and an application form, visit [here](#).



## PROTECTING YOUR HOME

PROTECTING  
YOUR HOME FROM  
BURGLARS

[Click here for Home Security Checklist](#)



We remind residents to take the necessary precautions to properly secure your home and for each of us to keep a watchful

eye in our neighborhoods. Please make note of these simple tips [here](#).

To find the name of your community Police Officer please click [here](#), or contact Officer Michael Bloom at [MBloom@ctpd.net](mailto:MBloom@ctpd.net)

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Environmental Commission will host its annual Open Space Workday on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., rain or shine. All are welcome to meet at the Green Village Pond Conservation Area. Go [here](#) for more information.



## POISON PREVENTION

**POISON**  
**Help**  
**1-800-222-1222**

Each day, 55 children are exposed to potentially poisonous substances and a loved one calls the experts at the NJ Poison Center for help. Learn more [here](#).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

The Chatham Township Committee consists of Mayor Kevin Sullivan, Deputy Mayor Curt Ritter, Bob Gallop, Mike Kelly and Karen Swartz.

*The Chatham Township Committee aims to produce 'Chatham Township News' on a bimonthly basis. If you have a suggestion for a future article or general feedback please email us at:*

**[Communications@chathamtownship-nj.gov](mailto:Communications@chathamtownship-nj.gov)**