

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. As a reminder, if you are unable to attend a meeting, you can still view a replay of the meeting online at <http://bit.ly/1ydb8vO>. 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.

2016 TOWNSHIP BUDGET



The Township Committee recently adopted the 2016 Township budget

providing residents a tax cut for the second year-in-a-row and reflecting the lowest local purpose tax rate in more than 10 years! Few, if any, municipalities in New Jersey can tout this significant **accomplishment**. View the 2016 budget and financial statements at <http://bit.ly/1byDoS6>

ALERT CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Can we contact you in an emergency? Register for and update your Alert Chatham Township Now! (ACT Now!) profile at <http://bit.ly/1w3Hghd>



THE COLONY POOL CLUB

We invite you to join us this summer at The Colony Pool Club. (www.TheColonyPoolClub.org) Located in the heart of Chatham Township, the Club features new 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 Luau & Pig Roast, or Movie Night then The Colony Pool Club is your summer getaway.

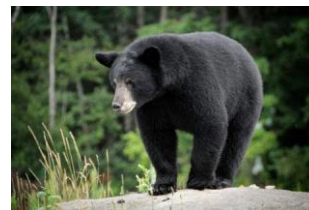


FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER DRIVE UNDERWAY



The **Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department** is seeking volunteers. If you are over 18 years of age, or are between 16-18 years of age, please email membership@ctfd.org to inquire about becoming a Firefighter or Junior Firefighter respectively.

BLACK BEAR ENCOUNTERS



Learn what to do if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood and learn more about the Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy and black bear facts <http://bit.ly/1MP6jeQ>.

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

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

Do you have an interest in starting a garden, but don't have an ideal location on your property? Consider joining the Chatham Community Garden.

Learn more at

<http://bit.ly/1EEYuEO> or email chathamgarden@gmail.com.



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

TAX ASSISTANCE

Free tax preparation assistance continues at the Senior Center on Thursdays through April 14th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Call for an appointment today 973-635-4565.



SUPPORT YOUR FIRE

DEPARTMENTS



Chatham Township is blessed to have two outstanding all-volunteer Fire Departments. Please consider supporting your local Fire Departments by donating online

<http://www.ctfd.org/donate> for Chatham Township and

<http://www.greenvillagefire.com/ways-to-donate> for Green Village. Thank you for your consideration.

CHATHAM TWP.

PERSPECTIVES

The Township Committee recently launched a new communications initiative, 'Chatham Township Perspectives,' which features a series of Q&A-style videos with key Township officials, and volunteers. Learn more about those who serve and volunteer in your community. Visit <http://bit.ly/21Oo4Ao> to view videos.



PROTECTING YOUR HOME

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 at <http://bit.ly/1uGCaXQ>



To find the name of your Community Police Officer, or to organize or find your own Neighborhood Watch program, please visit <http://bit.ly/1HzoBQo>, or contact Officer Michael Bloom at MBloom@ctpd.net

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Environmental Commission will host its 14th annual Open Space Workday on Saturday, April 23 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., rain or shine.

All are welcome to meet at the Green Village Pond Conservation Area. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/1RIAKvG>



Thanks to Our Volunteers

April is national Volunteer Appreciation Month. Thanks to all our volunteers who make Chatham Township the great place it is to live and raise a family. <http://bit.ly/1GZP22j>



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Learn about the Lenape Indians



with archaeologist and educator John Kraft on Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/1UVxxbu>

SENIOR TAX FREEZE

The deadline for residents to file their 2015 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) application is June 1, 2016. Applications are available in the Tax Office in the Township Municipal Building. Please remember, property Taxes are due May 1.



Learn more at <http://bit.ly/25rpGqS>

SAFEST CITY RANKING

The Township has been named the third safest city in New Jersey on the BackgroundChecks.org annual "Safest Cities in New Jersey" list. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/1UQML2u>



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Stay in touch with what's going on in town, especially during storms, Like Us at

<https://www.facebook.com/chat-hamtownshipgovernment>

HAVE A QUESTION?

Do you have a question about your Township services, need a pothole filled, or need to contact someone in the Township government? Click here www.bit.ly/1DrMpmg for important municipal contacts. We're here to help.



SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

Do you have an idea on how to improve the quality of life of Township residents? We'd like to know. Email

committee@chathamtownship-nj.gov



SENIOR SURVEY

Chatham Township residents age 55 and older are encouraged to complete a survey from the Madison Health Department, which also serves Chatham Township. Seniors are invited to



share their thoughts about transportation, housing, community activities and health services. Take the survey here <http://svy.mk/1qa2ixW>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

View the Chatham Township calendar at <http://bit.ly/1VPhNHF>. It includes Committee and various Board meeting dates and recycling days.

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

We aim to produce Chatham Township News on a bimonthly basis. If you have a suggestion for a future article or general feedback, please email us by May 1 at

Communications@chathamtownship-nj.gov

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