



CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

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COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Chatham Township Committee** has been quite active this spring with a number of items that impact our residents. The Committee approved the **2015 Township budget**, passed the first of its kind **ordinance** prohibiting unregulated pipelines and launched a new marketing program for **The Colony Pool Club**. If you are unable to attend a meeting you can still view a replay 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**.

2015 BUDGET APPROVED

The Township Committee passed the 2015 Township budget that will decrease municipal taxes 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. See past Township meeting discussions **here** and view a copy of the 2015 budget **here**.



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



Chatham Township prides itself in the hundreds of volunteers that donate countless hours of their time in support of our community. We thank them for their tireless efforts and encourage other residents to get

involved. Visit **here** to see a list of local organizations that support Chatham Township and learn how you can get involved to help 'Build a Better Chatham.'

THE COLONY POOL CLUB

The Colony Pool Club

now offers reduced membership fees along with several new amenities including "The Log Roll," 100 tons of fresh beach sand and The Colony Café that will now offer great food from two local restaurants,



the **Fairmount Country Store** and **Hickory Tree Pizza**. 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 we invite you to take a look and visit **www.TheColonyPoolClub.org**

PILGRIM PIPELINE UPDATE



The Township Committee passed the first of its kind ordinance prohibiting unregulated pipelines. "In passing this ordinance the

Chatham Township Committee has taken the lead in establishing the necessary restrictions to ensure the public's safety health and welfare, as well as environmental concerns from unregulated pipelines that could potentially pass through Chatham Township." Read more **here**.

SAFEST CITY RECOGNITION

Chatham Township was named among the Safest Cities in America. Thanks again to our Police Department for protecting our community. Learn more **here**.



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

GIRALDA FARMS OPENS TO PUBLIC ON JUNE 6TH

The 136-acre Giralda Tract – **newly-acquired** open space – will open to the public on National Trails Day, Saturday, June 6.

For the first time in more than a century the general public will be able to walk freely on the



property. The Morris County Park Commission will host refreshments at 9:00 am and commence a walk/bike ride starting at 9:30 am at the Kitchell Pond portion of the Reservation, located on Kitchell Road between Spring Valley Road and Woodland Avenue. Learn more [here](#) and view a map of the property [here](#). Photos courtesy of Brett Cole/OSI.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY – RELAY FOR LIFE



The American Cancer Society *Relay for Life* unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember

loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. This year's event will take place on May 30-31 at Haas Field from 6:00 pm – Midnight. Learn more [here](#).

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER DRIVE UNDERWAY

The **Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department** and the **Green Village Fire Department**



are seeking new members. Interested residents are encouraged to email the Township Fire Department at membership@ctfd.org or the Green Village Fire Department at greenvillagefire@hotmail.com.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On May 17 at 2:00 PM at the Municipal Building, Susan Moss, MD will discuss Edgar Holden, MD., a Chatham Township resident, Civil War physician, and medical researcher. Learn more [here](#).

JUNE 2ND PRIMARY

Important Dates for the upcoming Primary Election:
May 26 – Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail
May 27 – Mailing of Sample Ballots

June 1 – Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications

June 2 – Primary Election



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

POLICE DEPT. ACCREDITATION

The Chatham Township Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of its program to achieve accreditation by verifying that it meets recognized professional best practices. Administered by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with best practice standards in five basic areas: the administrative function, the personnel function, the operations function, the investigative function, and the arrestee/detainee function. 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