

# CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



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## COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Chatham Township Committee** launched a new Neighborhood Watch program (see below). Subsequent to this the Chatham Township Police Department was **accredited** by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission and Chatham Township was named the **safest community** in New Jersey.



**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**.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Chatham Township Committee launched a new community-wide **Neighborhood Watch Program** aimed at educating residents on how they



can help prevent crime while implementing home and personal security strategies. Members of the Police Department along with Mayor Kevin Sullivan and Deputy Mayor Curt Ritter hosted a public meeting to discuss the program and address resident concerns. You can view a replay of the video **here**. If you have an interest in learning more about the program and how it can be implemented in your neighborhood, please contact Officer Michael Bloom at 973-377-0100 x551 or at **MBloom@ctpd.net**

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## END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, or if you have questions about abuse, call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or visit **www.thehotline.org**



**ALMOST**

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## FEATURED COMMUNITY PHOTO



*Rolling For Fun at **The Colony Pool Club** - By Glenn Clark*

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

## SCHOOL'S OPEN



Schools are back in session, and we remind everyone to drive carefully and to be especially aware of increased traffic and activity at crosswalks. We also remind SBS parents and volunteers to use the parking lot by The Colony Pool Club.

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

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

Suicide claimed 41,149 lives in 2013 in the United States alone, with someone dying by suicide every 12.8 minutes. A suicide attempt is made every minute of every day, resulting in nearly one million attempts made annually. If you are in crisis, call **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**



## ALERT CHATHAM TOWNSHIP



As we enter the fall and winter seasons, we remind you to register for **Alert Chatham Township Now! (ACT Now!)** the Township's Emergency & Community

Alert System. Register and manage your existing profile [here](#).

## REPORT POWER OUTAGES

If you lose power contact JCP&L at 1-888-544-4877 or text OUT to 544487



## BLACK BEAR ENCOUNTERS



Black Bear Encounters: Learn what to do if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood. Click here to learn more [here](#) and view the Black Bear

Management Policy from the NJDEP [here](#).

## HEAR THE BEEP WHERE YOU

### SLEEP

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between

11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep? **National Fire Prevention Week** will take place from October 4-10. The Green Village Fire



Department and the Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department remind residents to test their smoke alarms each month. The **GVFD** will host an Open House/Ice Cream Social on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 PM and their **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing** on Monday, September 21 at the Fairmount Country Club.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER

### DRIVE

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](mailto:membership@ctfd.org) or the Green Village Fire Department at [greenvillagefire@hotmail.com](mailto:greenvillagefire@hotmail.com).

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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. Please view our **Volunteer page** to see

the various organizations that

support Chatham Township and learn how you can get involved to help build a better Chatham. If you

have an organization that you would like featured please contact our Communications Committee

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



## LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS

Why not take advantage of the many special events for adults and children offered by The

Library of the Chathams this fall -- there are programs for everyone. See their complete calendar of events [here](#) and register for their e-newsletter [here](#).



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## PROTECTING YOUR HOME

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE...**

**HIDE IT...**

**LOCK IT...**

**SET IT!**

Burglaries are typically quick strikes. They enter and quickly grab any valuables lying around and exit.

1. Secure your valuables before you leave.
2. Relocate your jewelry from your master bedroom.
3. Make sure all your doors and windows are securely locked.
4. Leave an outside light on.
5. Purchase light timers for your home.
6. Set your alarm if you have one.
7. Call the police in advance to inform them that you will be away.

If you would like the Chatham Township Police Department to assess your home please call 973-377-0100.

Chatham Township prides itself on being a safe and secure town, but we are not removed from or immune to crime. We want to remind you to take the necessary precautions to properly secure your home and for each of us to keep a watchful eye in our neighborhoods.

Thefts are typically quick strikes. They enter and quickly grab any valuables lying around and exit. Please make note of these simple tips.

1. Secure your valuables before you leave.
2. Relocate your jewelry from your master bedroom.
3. Alert a neighbor that you are going to be away and ask them to bring in your newspapers and keep an eye on your property.
4. Ask a neighbor to park a car in your driveway.
5. Make sure all your doors and windows are securely locked.
6. Leave an outside light on.
7. Purchase light timers for your home.
8. Set your alarm if you have one.

Call the police in advance to inform them that you will be away. If you would like the **Police** to assess your home, please call 973-377-0100.

## KNOW YOUR BUDGET

The 2015 Township budget decreases municipal taxes by a full cent to \$0.28 per

**DID YOU KNOW**

\$100 of assessed value. This decrease gave 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 your budget **here**.

## COULDN'T MAKE THE MEETING?

Don't worry if you missed a recent meeting, you can view all Township Committee meetings online. See what you missed, view meeting videos, minutes and agendas **here**.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

View the Chatham Township calendar **here**. It includes Committee and various Board meeting dates and recycling days.



The Chatham Athletic Foundation will host their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Septemberfest on September 26 learn more **here**.



The Chatham Club, in conjunction with The Mayors Health and Wellness Committee, will host its **Fit to Food 5K** on Sunday, September 27 to support the Community Food Bank of NJ. Enter a **raffle** to win a Bruce Springsteen guitar.

Voter registration deadline is October 13. Property taxes are due November 1.

## WE REMEMBER



We remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.  
[www.911memorial.org](http://www.911memorial.org)

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**

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