

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

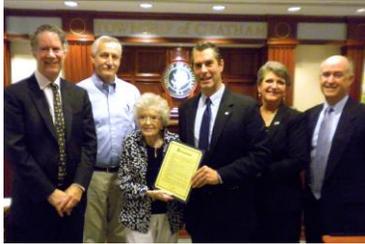


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COMMITTEE NEWS



The **Chatham Township Committee** remained active over the summer months as the Township was again ranked one of the

safest places to live in NJ; we saw a 7% increase in membership at The Colony Pool Club as new social events, including the Adult Luau & Pig Roast, Family Movie Nights, and music on Sundays drew new members; NJ American Water completed installing 1.5 miles of a new water pipes along Southern Blvd and we celebrated the 100th birthday of Township Clerk & Administrator Alice Lundt.

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 <http://bit.ly/1ydb8vO>.

SAFEST PLACE TO LIVE IN NJ



The Chatham Township Committee celebrated the one year anniversary of its community-wide **Neighborhood Watch Program** when it was recognized as the 14th safest

place to live in NJ by Alarm Systems Review. If you have an interest in learning more about the program and how it can be implemented in your neighborhood, please visit <http://bit.ly/1BTt2aU> or contact Officer Michael Bloom at 973-377-0100 x551 or at MBloom@ctpd.net



STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age,

sexual orientation, religion or gender. You are invited to join us for a community-based presentation co-sponsored with the **Jersey Battered Women's Services** on Tuesday, October 18 at the Chatham Twp. Municipal Bldg. 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



FEATURED COMMUNITY PHOTO



Summer-ending Fun - The Highlands Block Party
Send **us** your Chatham Township-themed photo for possible inclusion in a future newsletter.

SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION

We remind everyone to drive carefully and to be especially aware of increased traffic and activity at crosswalks. The speed limit on Lafayette Avenue is now 25 mph. We also remind SBS parents and volunteers to use the parking lot by The Colony Pool Club.



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STOP SUICIDES

Suicide claimed 41,149 lives in 2013 in the United States alone, with someone dying by suicide every 12.8 minutes. Join the 1st Annual Out of the Darkness Chatham Twp Community Walk on September 24th. Learn more at www.afsp.org/chathamtwp If you are in crisis, call 1-800-273-TALK (8255)



KNOW YOUR BUDGET



A LOOK at the BUDGET

The Township Committee cut taxes for the second year-in-a-row and reflecting the lowest local purpose tax rate in more than 10 years! See how your taxes are being spent. View the 2016 budget at <http://bit.ly/1byDoS6> and

a video of the independent audit report at <http://bit.ly/1YVXTtN>.

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 at <http://bit.ly/1w3Hghd>.

BE PREPARED

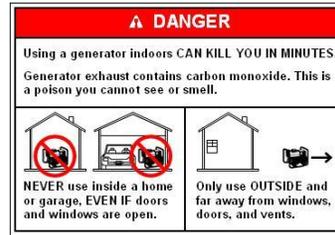
September is recognized as National Preparedness Month which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. Learn more www.ready.gov



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<https://www.facebook.com/chathamtownshipgovernment>

DO YOU HAVE A PORTABLE GENERATOR?



If so, follow these safety tips and read more from the American Red Cross: <http://rdcrs.org/1bkofe6>

BLACK BEAR ENCOUNTERS

Learn what to do if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood. Click here to learn more at <http://bit.ly/1MP6jeQ> and remember to immediately call the Police at 377-0100 if you see a bear and report bear damage, nuisance behavior or aggressive bears to the DEP Hotline at 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337).



CHATHAM TWP CREDIT

REMAINS STRONG

The credit position for Chatham Township is very high quality, and its Aa1 rating is stronger than the median rating of Aa3 for cities nationwide. Key credit drivers include a robust financial position, a superior socioeconomic profile, and a solid tax base. View the Moody's Annual Issuer Report here <http://bit.ly/2czhMVL>

MOODY'S
INVESTORS SERVICE

LEARN ABOUT THE SCHOOL

REFERENDUM



Six proposed school district projects will be presented to voters at a Special School District Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday, September 27th. Learn more about the six proposed projects here <http://bit.ly/2czhSwZ>

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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 9-15. 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 9th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!



Do you have an idea on how to improve the quality of life of Township residents? We'd like to know. committee@chathamtownship-nj.gov

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 or the Green Village Fire Department at greenvillagefire@hotmail.com.



REPORT POWER OUTAGES



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

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** (<http://bit.ly/1GZP22j>) to see the various organizations that support Chatham Township and learn how you can get involved to help build a better Chatham.



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 <http://bit.ly/1LfQpc5> and register for their e-newsletter <http://bit.ly/1RVZgp5>.



PROTECTING YOUR HOME



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.

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 at Communications@chathamtownship-nj.gov*

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