

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



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COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Chatham Township Committee** had a busy summer submitting an application to the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund to secure funds to acquire 165 acres of open space at **Giralda Farms**. If approved this acquisition would have a local and regional benefit and serve as an extension of the Loantaka Brook Reservation. In addition, major improvements were made as part of the **Sanitary Sewer System Modifications** project on Fairmount Avenue and Southern Boulevard. Now that this work is complete the roadways will be allowed to settle before repaving can begin in the New Year. 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](#).

PUBLIC SAFETY



Community policing is a philosophy that promotes and supports organizational strategies to address the causes and reduce the fear of crime and social disorder through problem solving and community-police

partnerships.

A fundamental shift from traditional, reactive policing, community policing stresses the prevention of crime and other quality of life issues before they occur. We believe that the core component of community policing is the partnership between our officers and the people they serve. This partnership is vital in maintaining the quality of life we have come to enjoy here in Chatham Township.

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

PROTECTING YOUR HOME

Chatham Township prides itself on being a safe and secure town, but recent burglaries remind us that 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. Please make note of these simple tips.



Recent thefts have been 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. 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.
9. 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.

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FEATURED COMMUNITY PHOTO



Reflections at Giralda Farms - by Brett Cole
Courtesy of the Open Space Institute

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 newly paved parking lot at the tennis courts by Colony Pool.



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.**

IN THE COMMUNITY

Annual Health & Wellness Fair

Sponsored by the Mayors Wellness Campaign of the Chathams, the Fair will take place on **September 13th** at the Chatham train station from 8:00 AM – Noon. Jump start your journey to wellness and discover ways to stay healthy and avoid being sick.



National Hunger Action Month

On September 17th ShopRite will accept donations to help fill the shelves of local community food banks.

7th Annual Green Fair

'Sustainability Begins at Home' is the theme of this year's Green Fair taking place on September 20th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Reasoner Park at the Gazebo in Chatham Borough.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Join us for a special free presentation, "Backroads of Morris County: A Light Hearted Look at Local History" on September 26th at the Senior Center with NJ photojournalist Jim DelGiudice. Advance registration required. For details visit **here** or call 973-635-4565.

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. From instruction on smart phone and tablets to information on Medicare for Baby Boomers, there are programs for everyone. See their complete calendar of events **here** and register for their e-newsletter **here.**



DID YOU KNOW...

From August 2013 – July 2014 the Municipal Utilities Authority collected more than 1,270 tons of recyclable materials from Chatham Township residents – this is an 8% increase since August 2011 when single stream recycling was first introduced.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Chatham Athletic Foundation (CAF) was created to enhance and promote youth athletics in grades K-8. Founded in 2005 by parents with a passion for the positive experience organized athletic programs can provide for children, it has awarded grants that have helped fund large scale projects like Lum Field and the Shunpike Field renovation to smaller programs such as athletic safety education and concussion testing. Learn more and register for their 3rd Annual Septemberfest on September 27th **here.**



FIRE SAFETY

National Fire Prevention

Week will take place from **October 5-11**. 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 on October 5th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Read more **here.**



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On September 3, 1964, President Johnson signed the **Wilderness Act** into law, and in 1968 Chatham's Great Swamp was designated the first wilderness area by the Department of the Interior. The Great Swamp Refuge preserves more than 3,600 acres of wilderness. This fall, visit the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Start your journey at the **Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center**.



CELEBRATE NEW JERSEY'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY!

On October 15th, the **Daughters of the American Revolution** present "*George Washington's Indispensable Men*," by noted author, speaker and historian Arthur Lefkowitz at the Township Municipal Building Community Room beginning at 7:30 pm.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

The Chatham Township Police Department (CTPD) welcomed Ronald Anderson and Sean Lampf as its newest members to the force. The two officers were sworn in by Mayor Kevin Sullivan at the August 21st Township Committee meeting. In addition, the CTPD announced the retirements of Officer Keith Johnson and Lieutenant Maureen Kazaba who spent 25 and 32 years respectively serving the public as dedicated law enforcement officers. We thank them for their service and wish them the very best in their retirements.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

September 11 – We remember those lost on this day 13 years ago.

September 13 – Annual Health & Wellness Fair and Blood Drive

September 14 – Chatham Area Fine Arts & Crafts Festival

September 17 – ShopRite fundraiser for National Hunger Action Month

September 20 – 7th Annual Green Fair

September 22 – Green Village Fire Department Golf Outing

September 25 – Township Committee Mtg.

September 26 – "Backroads of Morris County: A Light Hearted Look at Local History" at the Senior Center

September 27 – Chatham Athletic Foundation Septemberfest

October 1 – Flu Shot Clinic – Senior Center

October 5 – Green Village Fire Department Open House

October 5 – Chatham Township Historical Society Red Brick Schoolhouse Museum

October 9 – Township Committee Mtg.

October 15 – Daughters of the American Revolution present "*George Washington's Indispensable Men*"

October 18 – Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority 2014 Household Hazardous Waste and Computer/TV Drop-Off Event – Chatham High School (FREE)

October 23 – Township Committee Mtg.

October 31 – Halloween – please drive carefully and look out for Trick or Treaters.

November 15 – Chatham Education Foundation 2nd Annual Trivia Night



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

The Chatham Township Committee consists of Mayor Kevin Sullivan, Deputy Mayor Curt Ritter, Kathy Abbott, Bailey Brower, Jr. and Robert Gallop.