

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



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COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Chatham Township Committee** has been busy these past few months, passing and formalizing several Public Safety-related initiatives. The Committee completed its review of the Lafayette Avenue & Spring Street Sidewalk Improvement Project, which can be found at <http://bit.ly/1LfsJcQ> and passed an ordinance to install new stop signs along Sandy Hill Road. In addition, we honored longtime DPW Supervisor John Pacelli who is retiring after more than 25 years of service. We wish him the very best in his retirement and thank him again for his service over these many years. His replacement is Rich Young, who can be reached at 973-377-5114. We hope to see you at a future Township meeting.



Join Us: The Chatham Township Committee will meet again on December 10th, however we typically meet 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](#).

CAN WE CONTACT YOU IN AN EMERGENCY?



ACT Now!
ALERT CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NOW!
EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY ALERTS
Register @ www.chathamtownship-nj.gov



Register for and update your Alert Chatham Township Now! (ACT Now!) profile - Chatham Township's Emergency & Community alert system. <http://bit.ly/1w3Hghd> Alert Chatham Township

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. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/1BTt2aU> and Contact Officer Michael Bloom at MBloom@ctpd.net to see if your neighborhood is participating.



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. Please make note of these simple tips. Secure your valuables before you leave.



1. Relocate your jewelry from your master bedroom.
2. 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.
3. Ask a neighbor to park a car in your driveway.
4. Make sure all your doors and windows are securely locked.
5. Leave an outside light on.
6. Purchase light timers for your home.
7. Set your alarm if you have one.
8. 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.

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

GET INVOLVED!

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 visit <http://bit.ly/1GZP22j> to see a list of local organizations that support Chatham Township and learn how you can get involved to help build a better Chatham.



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

FEATURED COMMUNITY PHOTO



A Thanksgiving Trot.

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

SENIOR CENTER NEWS



Senior Services Center of the Chathams is a not for profit corporation that supports the independence of our senior community and their families by providing an enrichment

center, transportation, information and referral services. Learn about all of their many activities by visiting <http://bit.ly/1PtWP46> or by calling 973-635-4565.

HAVE A GREEN THUMB?



The Chatham Community Garden is preparing for the 2016 gardening season, located at 87 Woodland Road, just east of Madison. If you have an interest in reserving a plot,

please visit <http://bit.ly/1EEYuEO>

POWER OUTAGES

If you are without power you are encouraged to call 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) to report their outage or click the "Report Outage" link at www.firstenergycorp.com



You also can subscribe to email and text message alert notifications to receive important information in advance of major storms, and updates on extended power outages. <http://bit.ly/1HQibMr>

LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS

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



DID YOU KNOW...



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

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

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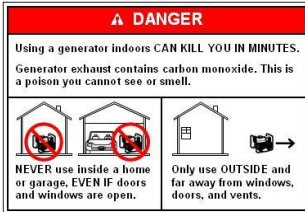


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GENERATOR SAFETY



If you have a portable generator please make yourself aware of the following and follow these safety tips from the American Red Cross:

<http://rdcrss.org/1bkofe6> Using a generator indoors CAN KILL YOU IN MINUTES. Exhaust contains carbon monoxide, a deadly poison gas you cannot see or smell.

- Never add fuel while unit is running or hot. Allow generator and engine to cool entirely before adding fuel.
- Never store a generator with fuel in the tank where gasoline vapors might reach an open flame, spark or pilot light.
- Do not connect your generator directly to your home's wiring or into a regular household outlet.
- Always start or stop the generator only when no electrical loads are connected.
- Keep children away from portable generators at all times.
- Allow at least five feet of clearance on all sides of the generator when operating.

HAVE AN IDEA?



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

committee@chathamtownship-nj.gov

RX MEDICINE DROP BOX

Residents can safely dispose of unused and unwanted medications at Police Headquarters visit <http://bit.ly/1loXP8b>



PREPARE FOR WINTER

It's getting cold outside! Review these fire safety tips

<http://rdcrss.org/Jz9UVr> and be sure to complete your winter storm safety checklist at <http://rdcrss.org/1aGoE7E>

Remember to keep your fire hydrants clear so the Fire Department can respond quickly to any fire emergencies.



Stay Safe This Winter

LIKE & FOLLOW US



Be sure to 'Like Us' <https://www.facebook.com/chathamtownshipgovernment>

END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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



1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
1-800-787-3224 TTY For the Deaf

MISS THE MEETING?

Don't worry, you can view all Township Committee meetings online. See what you missed, view meeting videos, minutes and agendas here: <http://bit.ly/1ydb8vO>



The Chatham Township Committee consists of Mayor Kevin Sullivan, Deputy Mayor Curt Ritter, 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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