

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



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COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Chatham Township Committee** has been active this spring, recognizing volunteers and community groups in our community for their outstanding efforts, passing the 2016 budget that provides residents a tax cut for the second year-in-a-row and reflecting the lowest local purpose tax rate in more than 10

years! Few, if any, municipalities in New Jersey can tout this significant **accomplishment.**

View the 2016 budget, financial statements at

<http://bit.ly/1byDoS6> and a video of the independent audit report at

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

BLACK BEAR ENCOUNTERS



What should you do if you see a black bear? View tips and a video presentation from the black bear awareness seminar hosted by the Chatham Township Committee and the NJ DEP.

<http://bit.ly/1MP6jeQ> 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).

CAN WE CONTACT YOU

IN AN EMERGENCY?

Have you received the recent alerts from the Chatham Police Department? If the answer is no, then we cannot contact you in the case of an emergency. Take a few minutes and register for or update your Alert Chatham Township Now! (ACT Now!) profile at <http://bit.ly/1w3Hghd>



JOIN THE FUN!

We invite you to join us this summer at The Colony Pool Club. (www.TheColonyPoolClub.org)

Located in the heart of Chatham Township, the Club features new amenities and special events of interest to families, seniors and young adults alike. 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 Luau & Pig Roast, or Movie Night then The Colony Pool Club is your summer getaway.



Thanks to Our Volunteers!

The Township Committee recognized the many volunteers in

our community who make Chatham Township the great place it is to live and raise a family. Read the proclamation at <http://bit.ly/1WHFNa>, view the video at <http://bit.ly/1OQQ8VW> and learn more about volunteer opportunities at <http://bit.ly/1GZP22j>.



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

SUICIDE PREVENTION

PRESENTATION

The Chatham Township Committee, in its continuing effort to raise awareness of suicide prevention, will host a community-based presentation, "Talk Saves Lives," in conjunction with the



**AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR
Suicide Prevention**

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The free presentation will take place on Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 PM at the Chatham Township Municipal Building. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP to **Mayor Curt Ritter**. Read the press release at <http://bit.ly/23wejdH>.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Please take a few minutes to take a survey to let The Chatham Township Committee know how it can best improve the Township website and your experience using it. Read the press release at <http://bit.ly/1TfYoxo> and take the online survey at <http://chathamtwp.questionpro.com>. Your feedback is important and will ensure we develop an improved website.



SUPPORT YOUR FIRST

RESPONDERS



Chatham Township is fortunate to have a group of first responders who are committed to protecting our homes and our well-being 24/7/365. These volunteer organizations,

The Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department, The Green Village Fire Department and The Chatham Emergency Squad are reliant on the generosity of our residents. Please consider making a donation to these dedicated organizations today, and explore their websites to learn about the incredible work they do on behalf of

our community, and perhaps consider getting involved as a volunteer yourself.

Click on the following links to donate.

The Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department: <http://bit.ly/25emOQI>; The Green Village Fire Department: <http://bit.ly/27JMzHs>; The Chatham Emergency Squad: <http://bit.ly/1TwxJxy> Thank you!

CHATHAM TWP.

PERSPECTIVES

The Township Committee newly launched communications initiative, 'Chatham Township Perspectives,' features a series of profiles on the men and women who make Chatham



Township great. View video profiles on our Police and Public Works Departments, as well as on our Emergency Squad. Visit <http://bit.ly/21Oo4Ao> to view videos.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

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



To find the name of your Community Police Officer, or to organize or find your own Neighborhood Watch program, please visit <http://bit.ly/1HzoBQo>, or contact Officer Michael Bloom at 377-0100 or MBloom@ctpd.net.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Learn about Revolutionary War history in



our own backyard. View a recent news report here <http://abcn.ws/23AFi7X> on artifacts discovered at the Giralda Farms Preserve and learn about the Historical Society at <http://bit.ly/1UVxxbu>.

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SENIOR TAX FREEZE

The deadline for residents to file their 2015 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) application is June 1, 2016. Applications are available in the Tax Office in the Township Municipal Building. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/25rpGqS>.



SAFEST CITY RECOGNITION

Chatham Township was once again named among the Safest Cities (#22) in America. Thanks again to our Police Department for protecting our community. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/1GpKcbV>



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Stay in touch with what's going on in town, especially

HAVE A QUESTION?

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

View the Chatham Township calendar at <http://bit.ly/1VPhNHf>. It includes Committee and various Board meeting dates and recycling days.



RELAY FOR LIFE RETURNS

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 Saturday, June 4 at Haas Field from 6:00 pm – Midnight. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/1HFgaI5>.



JUNE 7TH PRIMARY

Don't forget to vote in the Primary Election on June 7th. You can find your polling place at <http://bit.ly/1dgfq5W>



SHARE YOUR IDEAS!



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

GIRALDA FARMS PRESERVE

Be sure to visit the 136-acre Giralda Farms Preserve. The entrance is on Woodland Rd. a short walk from St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center. Like them on Facebook at <http://bit.ly/1TwAdw5>



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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