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## ARTS COUNCIL ON WAY TO INSTALL SECOND MURAL

The Public Arts Council of Chatham Borough (PAC) plans to install a second mural at the Washington Avenue underpass. It will be designed as a sister mural to the existing Fairmount Mural. Like the Fairmount Mural, the Washington Mural will educate observers about our history, showcase our contemporary culture, and unify our identity as Chatham residents.

“The community response to our Fairmount Mural has been overwhelmingly positive,” says Jennifer Kaplan, project manager and PAC founder. “Two coordinating murals that symmetrically straddle the train station will create a cohesive mural experience in our town.”

The PAC received material donations from two organizations well-known for serving the Chatham community: Dreyer’s Lumber & Hardware, located at 20 Watchung Avenue, and Village Hardware & Paint, located at 223 Main Street. The project also received seed funding from the Woman’s Club of Chatham and the Chatham Jaycees.

Kenji Hasegawa, the lead artist of the celebrated Fairmount Mural, has agreed to stay on, which will ensure aesthetic congruence between the two murals. Jennifer Kaplan and Dawn Paruta serve as project managers. Walter Vargas of Walter’s Homecrafters, located at 37 Commerce Street, will work as lead carpenter. Jim Greener, Helen Ann Rosenfeld, David Hill, Vicki Fife, and Joanna Siau serve on the Mural Steering Committee. Community volunteers will help paint once painting commences.

The PAC’s mission is to enhance the public spaces of Chatham Borough through the arts. Since its inception, the PAC has played a major role in the artistic transformation of our community by overseeing the Fairmount Mural, Green Takes Back Gray (the painting of traffic control boxes), three sculptures, the Commuter’s Oasis, visual art exhibits, and community events.

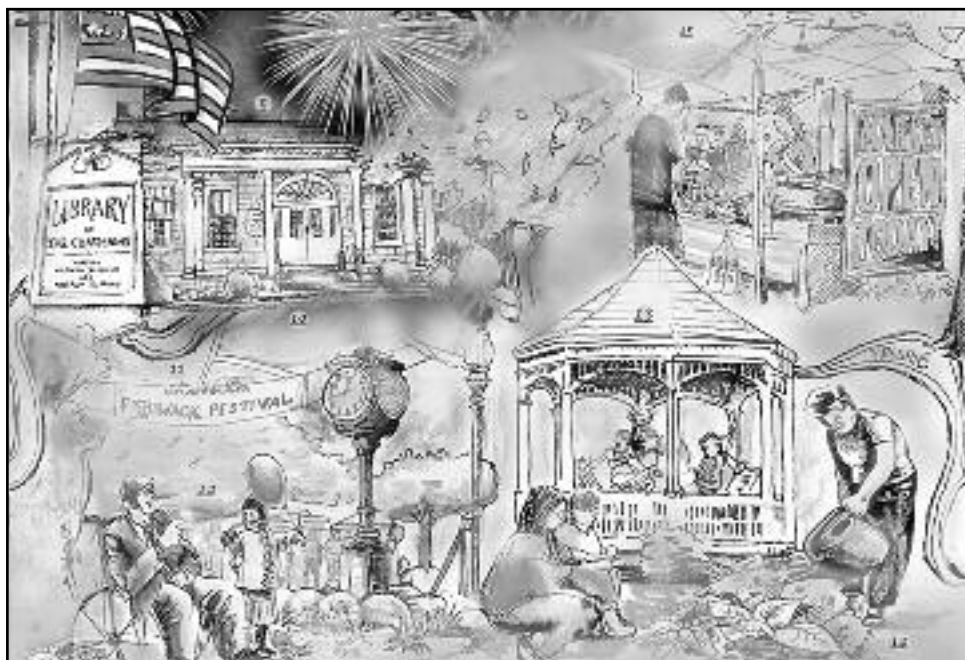
For more information, please refer to the Public Arts Council’s webpage under Advisory Committees at Chatham Borough’s website.



(above) Jennifer Kaplan of the Public Arts Council, David Hill of the Mural Steering Committee, and Jason from Dreyer's Lumber & Hardware preparing for the second mural.



(above) Jennifer Kaplan of the Public Arts Council and David Ferguson of Village Hardware & Paint getting mural supplies.



(above) West Wall – Right side panel

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## NEW JERSEY NATIVE ENTERS CLASS OF 2023 PLEBE SUMMER AT THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

ANNAPOLIS, Md. – John Robert Trombetta a graduate of Morristown – Beard School in Morristown, NJ was inducted into the Naval Academy Class of 2023 Thursday, June 27, and will begin six challenging weeks of basic midshipman training as part of Plebe Summer.

Approximately 1,200 candidates are selected each year for the Academy's "plebe" or freshman class, and each student is required to participate in Plebe Summer. Last year the Naval Academy received over 16,000 applications for the Class of 2022.

During this time, plebes have no access to television, movies, the internet or music, and restricted access to cell phones. They are only permitted to make three calls during the six weeks of Plebe Summer.

The pressure and rigor of Plebe Summer is carefully designed to help plebes prepare for their first academic year at the Naval Academy and the four years of challenge, which awaits them.

As the summer progresses, the new midshipmen rapidly assimilate basic skills in seamanship, navigation, damage control, sailing, and handling yard patrol craft. Plebes also learn infantry drill and how to shoot 9 mm pistols and M-16 rifles.

Other daily training sessions involve moral, mental, physical or professional development and team-building skills. Activities include swimming, martial arts, basic rock climbing, obstacle, endurance and confidence courses designed to develop physical, mental and team-building skills. Forty hours are devoted to the instruction of infantry drill and five formal parades.

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy today is a prestigious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen. U.S.

News and World Reports has recognized the Naval Academy as a top five undergraduate engineering school and a top 20 best liberal arts college. Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity sports and extracurricular activities. They also study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering and weapons, and military law. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a Bachelor of Science degree in a choice of 25 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years of exciting and rewarding service as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

The Brigade of Midshipmen is comprised of approximately 4,400 students from every state in the union and a handful of international students. Each year, approximately 1,200 young men and women are admitted to the Naval Academy's incoming class.



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## RIDES FOR SENIORS

*Submitted by Laura Sostak*

According to statistics, 21% of people over 65 do not drive and 50% of non-drivers are homebound daily. Lack of transportation is a leading cause of isolation among older adults and negatively affects their quality of life. In April 2017, Tri-Town 55+ Coalition launched the Rides for Seniors program, a discounted on-demand car service program for residents living in Madison, Chatham and Chatham Township to improve access to transportation.

The Rides for Seniors program has provided over 4500 subsidized rides. More than 385 registered seniors have used the on-demand car service to run errands, get to doctor's appointments, go shopping or visit loved ones. The ages of riders vary from 65 and older, but the largest number of riders are over the age of 85.

While GoGoGrandparent is available nationwide, the Rides for Seniors program is the only one of its kind to offer a discount to riders in three communities. Riders receive \$5 off each ride up to four rides per month. The discount is made possible through grant funding and sponsorship support, including a grant from the Grotta Fund for Senior Care. Family and friends can also off-set ride costs through the Gift-a-Ride program. For more information, to register for Rides for Seniors, or to donate, visit the Tri-Town 55+ Coalition web site at [tritown55plus.org](http://tritown55plus.org).

## EMERGENCY SQUAD'S OPEN "SNOW VILLAGE"

*Submitted by Craig Alperowitz*

It's the most wonderful time of the year - the Chatham Emergency Squad proudly presents the 16th annual Winter Wonderland / "Snow Village" taking place throughout the month of December at its Chatham Borough building, located at 31 North Passaic Street.

The impressive display features more than 100 Department 56 model houses, cars and figurines with a working ski lift, ice skating rink and more set amidst the backdrop of a snow-filled winter wonderland and a model train running through the center of town. Children of all ages are invited to see the exhibit for themselves and find hidden treasures among the exhibition during the numerous open houses held at the Squad building.

"We're excited to continue this annual holiday tradition which has helped spread holiday cheer

to, quite literally, a generation of Chatham residents," said Bryan McGookin, an active member of the Squad who has carefully maintained the private collection, which remains on loan by Mark Spinner (Spinner retired in 2018 after 40 years of service and relocated to another community). "Much like the arrival of Santa himself, the Chatham Emergency Squad "Snow Village" has become a fixture of our community, signaling the arrival of the holiday season throughout Chatham," added McGookin.

The Winter Wonderland / Snow Village will be open from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. every Saturday and from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. beginning Sunday, December 1 and running until December 29, 2019. In addition, open houses will be held on December 2, 10, 18 and 26. The full schedule is available on the Chatham Emergency Squad website and special times and group tours can be arranged by submitting a request through the website.

The Chatham Emergency Squad is an all-volunteer organization funded almost exclusively by donations. CES never charges for its services. In 2018 they responded to over 1,200 emergency calls and provided free training in CPR to more than 400 residents, teachers, coaches and emergency personnel. To learn more, to donate or to volunteer, please visit [chathamemergencysquad.org](http://chathamemergencysquad.org).

## CHATHAM LIBRARY CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

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## MUSIC STUDY CLUB PERFORMANCE

The Suburban Music Study Club will host its next performance on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., Chatham United Methodist Church 460 Main St., Chatham. Performing will be Carolyn Enger, piano; Laura Paparatto, flute; the Radiance Chamber Ensemble. The event is free, handicap accessible, with ample parking.

As part of the annual Action Against Hunger Project of North Jersey members of the Rotary Club of Madison collected donations of groceries from shoppers at the Chatham Shoprite on Sunday, October 6, 2019. A total of 1480 lbs. of groceries plus \$91 in cash was collected and delivered to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Morris Plains.

The Rotary Club of Madison has an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve humanity in our local and global communities. We welcome like-minded individuals to join our successful and vibrant club. President Michel Belt encourages you to come learn about Rotary by attending any one of our weekly meetings as our guest. For additional information, contact Barry Kroll, Membership Development Chair, at [barrykroll@aol.com](mailto:barrykroll@aol.com) or 973-476-2772.



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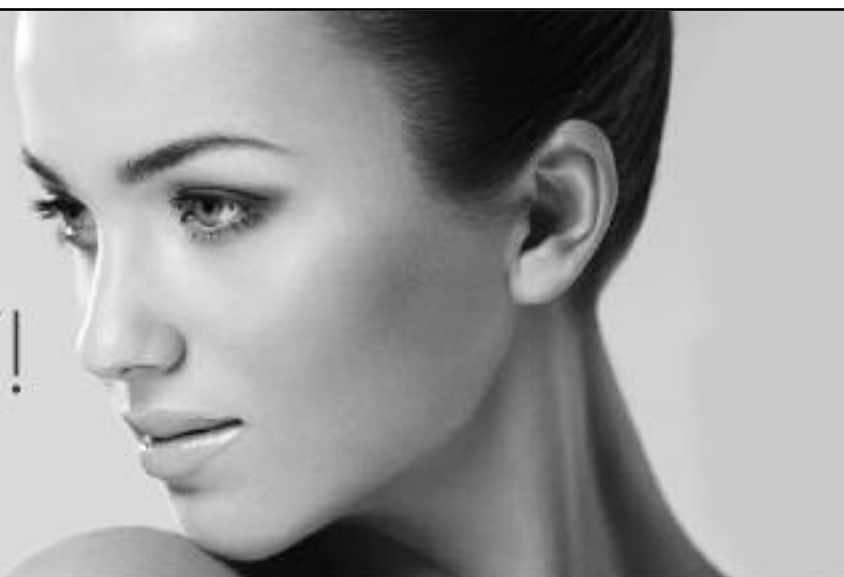
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# SOME HISTORY, MOSTLY HOPS EQUALS GOOD “CHEERS” HAD BY ALL

Submitted by Marianne Ivers



(above, l-r) Stacey and Timothy McEvoy

The Chatham Historical Society’s 4th Annual History & Hops event held on Friday, October 25, 2019, turned out to be a delightful evening with over 160 attendees. The focus of the evening was to celebrate Chatham’s Main Street and its past and present business establishments which all help to maintain the health and vibrancy of the downtown area.

Along with vintage Chatham photos and historic information about Main Street, delicious food, wine and, of course, beer, both imported and local, including beer from Chatham’s Twin Elephant Brewing Company, were served. Live entertainment was provided by “Unplugged,” the band of Chatham’s own Mike McLaughlin, Sal Arnuk, and Chris Tomaino. Among the

Chatham businesses that contributed to the successful soiree were Chatham Bagel, Sorriso, Purple Aadvark, Village Paint and Hardware, as well as 233 Main and Catering.

“The Historical Society would like to thank all the people who attended our History & Hops event. There were old friends and new, council members and Main Street proprietors. The theme was historic Main Street. A number of Main Street businesses contributed door prizes which helped to make the event extra special. It was a fun evening and we look forward to seeing everyone at the 5th Annual History & Hops next year and encourage everyone to shop locally,” said Helen Ann Rosenfeld, President of the Chatham Historical Society.



(above, l-r) Debbie Fabian and Diane Conlan



(above, l-r) Mark and Karen Hoerrner



(above, l-r) Kate Ortolani, Cheryl and Bob Leverich and Chris Tomaino



(above, l-r) Megan Sitar, Amy Crandall, Sheila Capparis, Barb Farricker and Tina Olson



(above, l-r) Tracy Ness, Helen Ann Rosenfeld, Vicki Fife, Peter Fife, Noreen Ryan, Bobbie Veeder

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Saturday, December 7, 10am to 4 p.m.

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### New Jersey Art Association Show

Sunday, December 8, 2:15 - 4 p.m.

The NJ Art Association, originally called the Millburn-Short Hills Art Center and founded in 1940, will hold a reception of the group's work. The show may also be viewed during regular library hours through the month.

### Gen Y & Other Job Seekers Networking Group

December 4 & 18, at 7 p.m.

Gen Y Networking Group is a forum dedicated to Generation Y young adults and others interested in job search, networking, and career development. All are welcome to attend.

### Holiday Concert with Ian Gallagher

Saturday, December 7, at 1 p.m.

Singer/guitarist Ian Gallagher will perform holiday songs to get you into the spirit of the season. All are welcome to attend.

### Italian Conversation Group

December 10, at 7:15 p.m.

December 13, at 1 p.m.

Are you a bit rusty with your Italian language skills? Luciana Santoriello and Frank Foca will moderate Italian discussion groups. These fluent speakers will help you and others get a conversation going.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

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### MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

December 6, 13, 20 - 10:30 a.m. - Noon

A friendly and relaxed gathering for lively discussion about current events, pertinent issues, and exchange of information. Coffee, snacks, and laughter. Walk-ins welcome.

### REIKI EXPERIENCE

December 6, 20, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Joann Smith, Reiki Master will offer participants an experience in the seated Japanese technique of stress reduction and relaxation. Sign up required for a 30-minute appointment.

### LIFE IN AMERICA ON PEARL HARBOR DAY

Friday, December 6 at 12:30 p.m.

Summit Old Guard member and patent attorney, Herb Waddell, will reminisce about life in America in 1941.

### CONNECTIONS (Winter Support Group)

Friday, December 6, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Some members of our community may be struggling with feelings of loneliness, increased stress about health concerns, or sadness over loss. If you would like to explore these feelings and receive support, compassion, and connection from other members of our community, please sign up for this 6-week support group. This session begins on December 6 and runs through February 7.

### DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, December 9, 10:30 a.m.

Moderated by Phyllis Flemming, former Executive Director of Victorian Garden Adult Day Center and experienced dementia support group leader. New members always welcome.

### TAME THE PAIN

Monday, December 9, 12:30 p.m.

Opioid-free pain management seminar for older adults and their caregivers. Lunch provided preceding the free program at noon.

### TED TALK: ARE PERSONALIZED PILLS MADE ON 3D PRINTERS THE FUTURE OF THE PHARMACY?

Tuesday, December 12, 10 a.m.

Short videos will be shown that share a future of personalized medication. Come and share your point of view at this interactive and lively group discussion. Facilitated by Iyana Anderson.

### NUTRITION SERIES: BETTER-FOR-YOU APPETIZERS FOR HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

Tuesday, December 10, 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to make healthier appetizers for the holidays and try a tasty sample.

### CHAIR ZUMBA

Tuesday, December 17, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

A free, fun fitness class that combines the party atmosphere and Latin dance moves of Zumba with the specific needs of people who prefer to exercise sitting down.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Thursday, December 19, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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### NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

Friday, December 20, 11 a.m.

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# GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE RECEIVES HISTORIC MARKER

Submitted by Tom Salvat and the Chatham Township Historical Society

Pat Wells, Vice President of the Chatham Township Historical Society, writes of the history of The Great Swamp: Wilderness in Suburbia.

The formation of the Great Swamp began 15,000 years ago with the arrival of the Wisconsin Glacier. As the glacier receded 4000 years later, the melt water filled the basin between the Second Watchung Mountain and the ridge of mountains west of Morristown. Long Hill reached above the surface as an island in the 10 by 30-mile lake. The water finally broke through a plug of glacial moraine and drained at Paterson Great Falls.

Around this time the paleo-Indians arrived. The Great Swamp supplied all their food, water and building materials. The tribe of Indians who inhabited Northern New Jersey when colonists arrived were the Lenapes. Archeological evidence of the paleo-Indian and Lenape camps has been found throughout the Great Swamp including thousands of stone implements. Examples can be seen in the Red Brick Schoolhouse Museum, 24 Southern Boulevard, Chatham Township.

The earliest colonists were attracted to its woodlands as a supply for charcoal for the local iron forges. When colonial farmers settled the land, the swamp became an important source of wood for cooking and heating homes. Later, a grid of woodlots was laid out in the area between Green Village Road and Southern Blvd. Homeowners would purchase a woodlot to supply their home with fire wood. When coal became the preferred heating fuel, the woodlots were cleared and used as farm land.

During the 1800s much of the swamp was slowly stripped of its trees. A lumber mill in Green Village processed large trees for building materials and railroad ties. A peach basket factory on the second floor used smaller trees to make hundreds of baskets a day which were used locally or shipped to market by railroad.

By the 1900s, most of the land had also been cleared for farming. Dikes and ditches controlled the water level. Meadow hay was grown for winter forage for cows and horses. Hundreds of acres of swampland were purchased by Louis M. Noe and Oscar Brant who leased it to tenant farmers to grow peaches. By the turn of the century a person could see for miles across the swamp. After World War I, farming declined within the swamp. The dikes and ditches were not maintained, so the water levels rose, and the woodlands gradually returned.

In 1959 the Port Authority of NY and NJ proposed filling in the swamp and using the area for a new jetport. Thousands of citizens protested and provided the money to purchase nearly 3000 acres of the Great Swamp. Marcellus Hartley Dodge of Harding Township secretly made the first large purchases helping to assure the project's success. The land was donated to the U.S. Department of the Interior to protect it from development.

The film "Saving the Great Swamp: Battle to Defeat the Jetport" produced by local residents Scott Morris and Larry Fast, recounts this story. It can be purchased at the Helen Fenske Visitors Center at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, 241 Pleasant Plains Rd, Basking Ridge or through [www.savingthegreatswamp.com/](http://www.savingthegreatswamp.com/)

Today the Great Swamp provides habitat for 244 species of birds, 39 species of mammals,

including the endangered Indiana bat, and at least 42 species of amphibians and reptiles, including the endangered bog turtle. Insects abound, including many species of dragonflies, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.

In 1968, 3,660 acres in the eastern portion of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge were designated as wilderness and the road connecting Green Village to Meyersville was removed as no motorized vehicles or equipment can be used in a Wilderness Area. The old road is now a hiking trail. Other hiking trails can be found in the Wilderness Area, at the Wildlife Observation Area, and at the Helen C. Fenske Visitors Center. There are also trails at the Morris County Outdoor Education Center, 247 Southern Blvd, Chatham, and the Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge.

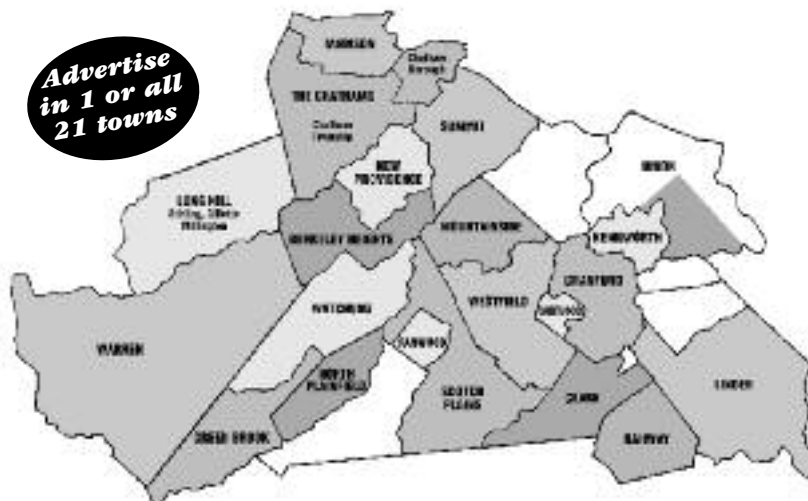
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(above, l-r) The GSNWR Marker Committee: Historical Society Trustees Tom Salvias, Bert Abbazia and Pat Wells, Friends of Great Swamp NWR, Board Member Kathy Woodward and Historical Society President, Martha Wells.

Photos by Tom Salvias



(above) Two historic markers were placed at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge at the corner of Southern Boulevard and Hampton Road.

## EMERGENCY SQUAD TO HOLD BLOOD DRIVE ON DECEMBER 7

Submitted by Craig Alperowitz

On December 7, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., the Chatham Emergency Squad will be holding a blood drive at its Chatham Borough building, located on 31 North Passaic Avenue. Parking is available behind the Squad Building, on Center street.

Donors, ages 17-75, should be in good health and bring with them a form of identification. Donors are also asked to have eaten or drink something before arriving. Teenagers who are 16 years of age can also donate with parental permission; forms will be available at the site. Anyone age 76 years or older must have a doctor's note permitting donation. In addition to whole blood donations, the Alyx machine will be on site for donations of red blood cells specifically.

Walk-ins are welcomed, or to schedule an appointment, please visit the Blood Center.

The Chatham Emergency Squad is an all-volunteer organization funded almost exclusively by donations. CES never charges for its services. In 2018 they responded to over 1,200 emergency calls and provided free training in CPR to more than 400 residents, teachers, coaches and emergency personnel. To learn more, to donate or to volunteer, please visit [chathamemergencysquad.org](http://chathamemergencysquad.org).

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