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The Chatham Borough Community Services Department along with the MyChathamNJ Advisory Committee presented the 2022 Fishawack Festival on Saturday, June 11th, 2022. There were festivities for all ages.

Fishawack was started by Chatham's Chamber of Commerce in 1971 as an event to celebrate the heritage of Chatham Borough, in addition to support local shops. According to John T. Cunningham's 1967 book, Fishawack was the Lenni Lenape word for the Passaic River, and because Chatham's section is the narrowest part, the natives would cross the river at Chatham on their seasonal migration along the Minisink Trail.



(above) Community Players



(above) The Chatham Knights of Columbus



(above) BSA Troop 8 Chatham



(above) Cub Scouts



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(above, l-r) Girl Scouts, Environmental Commission, County Mosquito Control, HOPE One, Shade Tree Commission, League of Women Voters.



(above, l-r) Historical Society, Charter Club, , Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Madison Chatham Coalition, Library of The Chathams. Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com

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INTERN COMPLETES FOUR WEEKS OF SERVICE

City of Summit

Chatham High School senior and volunteer firefighter in Chatham Township Olivia Bary completed her four-week internship with the Summit Fire Department on Friday, June 10. In this capacity, Bary joined A Platoon as a contributing member responding to calls and participating in training activities.

"Olivia is already a volunteer firefighter in Chatham, so she is certified to go out with crews and be part of the response to calls," explains Deputy Chief Paul Imbimbo. "She has an interest in a career in the fire service and we were glad to be able to help her along the way."

Volunteer firefighter Bary reports that a highlight of her internship with the Summit Fire Department was the comradery among firefighters.

"It really is like a family here," says Bary. "From a volunteer perspective, it is truly wonderful how everyone works together to get the job done when responding to calls, training, and doing daily chores. I learned a lot and hope to return as a volunteer firefighter one day."

For more information on the Summit Fire Department visit cityofsummit.org/fire.



(above, l-r) Firefighter Vinny Abbate, Firefighter Christopher Esposito, Firefighter Lou Vecchia, Chief Eric Evers, Firefighter Jessica Faulks, Volunteer firefighter Olivia Bary (center), Firefighter Tom Penn, Deputy Chief Paul Imbimbo, Firefighter Matt Carbone, Lieutenant Jeff Hudkins, and Firefighter Sergio Villalobos.

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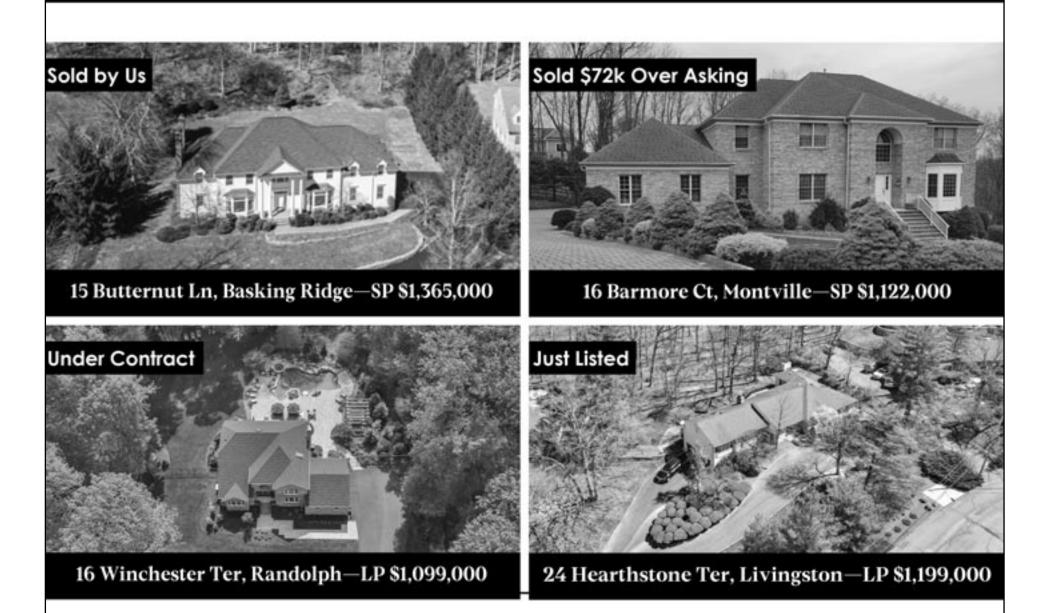


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BOOK SALE RAISES \$30,001.07 FOR LIBRARY

Submitted by Salli McMorrow

The Friends of the Library of the Chathams proudly presented a check for \$30,001.07 to Karen Brodsky, director of the library, at their May monthly board meeting. The funds represent the total that was raised by the Friends during their 2022 book sale. The annual book sale

spanned three days in March after a two-year hiatus. All books sold were donated by residents of Chatham and surrounding communities. The Friends were thrilled at the enthusiastic community support for this event, both from donations and sales.

The Friends also welcomed two new board

members during the month of May. Chatham Township residents Michael Rato, whose term is effective immediately and Kerin Christel, whose term will begin in January 2023.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the Library of the Chathams Board of Directors at friendsofthechathamlibrary@gmail.com.



(above, l-r) Debbie Fitzgerald, Michael Rato, Galina Natenson, Susan Ross, Megan Schaaf, Karen Brodsky, Barbara Butta, Sean Daily, Betsy Maltby, Debbie Fabian,, Salli McMorrow, Cynthia Merwin, Maureen Reiss, Barb Montague, Cindy Murphy, Christine Flood and Sue Hoag.







(above, l-r) Top row: Tiffany Lan, Short Hills; Lara Cota, Summit; Olivia Lawlor, Summit. Front row: Helen Yiran Liu, Berkeley Heights; Christina (Crystal) Jong, Summit; Zaina Qureshi, Chatham.

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\$27,000 AWARDED TO COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS

Summit College Club

On Sunday, June 5, 2022, Summit College Club (SCC), a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), held their Scholarship Reception to award scholarships to local high school seniors. Proud parents, families, and members of Summit College Club gathered to celebrate the six honorees. Each young woman received \$4,500.

Zaina Qureshi, of Chatham, won one of the three SCC Merit Scholarships. At Chatham High School, Zaina, who has lived all over the world, is an ambassador to the League of Women Voters and founded the Refugee Rescue Club, which works with an international rescue committee. A member of both the varsity fencing and tennis teams, Zaina will attend Lehigh University in the fall.

President Lynne Rogerson commented: "During the last two years SCC continued to award scholarships, just as we had for more than one hundred years of our history, but the covid pandemic made a difference. We were not able to hold our annual Book Sale, which helps fund the scholarships, until this year; nor we were able to come together in an awards ceremony to meet and greet the winners. So we're happy to be back. We're happy to be together with the honorees and their families."

The first speaker was due to be Sydney Villegas, a 2020 scholarship recipient. The Club had sponsored Sydney's participation in AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Unfortunately, Sydney herself was quarantined, but she sent in her speech, which praised the conference and how much she had learned from it.

Then Anna Torell, a 2021 scholarship recipient, spoke about her first year at college. Anna, who is a world-class synchronized skater and an impressive artist in ceramics, spoke of the rich array of clubs, classes, and activities that she participated in at the University of Michigan.

Then the 2022 awards were announced. For each award, a member of the SCC Scholarship Committee spoke briefly about the winner and then presented her with a check, a certificate, and flowers. The committee had spent many hours soliciting applications, reading them, comparing responses, and interviewing the likeliest candidates. Several members said how difficult it was to select the winners, so accomplished and unique were this year's applicants.

Speaking to the group, Marilynn MacLean of the scholarship committee noted that Summit College Club had distributed more than a million dollars in scholarships over its 100-year history; and that the national organization, AAUW, had awarded more than six million dollars in a rich variety of programs in 2021.

As a branch of the American Association of University Women, the Summit College Club strives to advance equity for women and girls, delivering local programs that support education, empowerment, and connection. New members are welcome. For information, go to summitcollegeclub.org.

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BROADWAY UNDER THE STARS DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Submitted by Christine Baird

Chatham High School performers were the stars at "Broadway Under the Stars" on Saturday, May 21st, making downtown's Reasoner Park gazebo feel like the Great White Way.

For nearly two hours, non-stop talent took the stage, performing songs from classic shows such as "Grease" and "Carousel" as well as newer ones including "Waitress" and "Jagged Little Pill."

Student vocalists, a cappella groups, jazz and orchestra ensembles and a garage band brought an evening of show tunes to a packed lawn of people sitting on blankets and chairs.

The balmy, summer-like weather—a nice contrast to the stormy weather on Friday that caused the event to be postponed—helped draw a crowd of nearly 750 people, who enjoyed the free, open-air event.

Broadway Under the Stars was sponsored by the Chatham Performing Arts Boosters and continuestheir initiative to connect the community with the arts and foster mutual support of local businesses with the school district's music and theatre programs.

The event was supported by local businesses Chianti Pizzeria, Frames on Main, Scoops and Sorriso Kitchen.

Additionally, community support came from local resident Cindy Marrinan, who, along with members of the CHS stage crew, decorated two storefront windows on Main Street with Broadway themes to highlight the event. CHS Key Club members helped stock the concession stand, where newly-designed Chatham Performing Arts spirit wear, created by Chatham's ART with HEART, was unveiled and available for purchase.

Chatham Performing Arts Boosters is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides financial and parent volunteer support for the K-12 music and theatre programs within the School District of the Chathams. For more information, please visit chatham-pab.org.









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(above) The Atchinson Family with Former Chief Matthew Lemons.



(above) The Sagendorf Family



NEW EQUIPMENT DEDICATED TO PAST MEMBERS

Submitted by Richard Gentles

On Saturday, June 4th, Chief Matthew Chase, President Richard Gentles, former Chief Matthew Lemons, and members of the Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department (CTVFD) joined by Rev. Msgr. James Mahoney, blessed and dedicated three pieces of equipment that support their lifesaving mission.

Rescue 14 was dedicated in honor to Edward P. Sagendorf Sr.. The Sagendorf family have faithfully served Chatham Township for over 60 years, starting with Ed who joined the CTVFD in 1962 and was a member until he passed away in 2007. Ed was a primary driver of the first Rescue 14 which was acquired in 2001. Ed brought tremendous skills and commitment to the CTVFD, helping whenever and however he could to support the members and maintain the infrastructure of the department. Ed's three son's; Edward the 3rd, Robert, and Gary and his grandson Robert Jr. are all active members of the department.

When Engine 10 was blessed by Rev. Msgr. James Mahoney in 2010 in conjunction with the then newly erected Station 2 on Southern Boulevard, it was never dedicated. It was with great pride that Engine 10 was dedicated in the memory of John R. Atchison. John, who was affectionately referred to as "grumpy", joined the CTVFD in 1974 and served the department for 43 years until his passing in 2017. From his service to our country in the Korean War, to driving a milk truck, a flatbed or wrecker for his



son, and driving the first engine out of Station 2 for 40 years, John was a lifelong truck driver. John also brought his family into the department. His grandson, John J. Atchison, joined this department and is a now a career firefighter in Virginia.

Earlier this year, the CTVFD took delivery of a new brush truck. Brush Truck 13, which is critical to fighting off-road fires and rescues, was dedicated in honor of Joan Horak. Mrs. Horak, who was not affiliated with this department but donated very generously upon her passing on February 2020 at the age of 93.

Joan Wold Horak and her husband Emil lived in Chatham Township for 40 years. She was an accomplished musician having studied at The Juilliard School in NYC where she mastered the Tuba and Piano. She dedicated 30 years of service to Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville, NJ, was a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Zion Lutheran Church in Clark, NJ and most recently, was a devoted member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Joan was an avid reader, a bird watcher, gardener, and a true lover of nature. She also had the distinction of being a life member of the Sons of Norway joining in 1947. The new brush truck is fittingly dedicated in her memory.

Chief Matt Chase and President Richard Gentles concluded the ceremony by thanking all the members who risk their lives to help the community and their families who support them. **ABOUT THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Established in 1925, the Department is comprised entirely of volunteer members including 25 active firefighters, junior firefighters and associate members providing services 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The department operates its headquarters on River Road and a second station on Southern Boulevard and responds to approximately 350 calls each year, both within Chatham Township and in the form of mutual aid to departments in neighboring communities.



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Tom: Before joining GFP I never really maintained consistent strength training. At GFP it's easy to build momentum, and I started to feel improvement as quickly as 1-2 weeks into joining. The challenge showed me how rapidly progress can occur if you pair nutrition guidance with regular workouts. More importantly it helped me build lasting habits that have made me consistently healthier.

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Kristy: Before GFP I had never been to the gym before, but the trainers helped me learn how to work out effectively. I started working out six days a week, and I really saw results. Those results kept me motivated to continue coming back. GFP has given me my confidence back. I feel good in my body again.

"MY RESULTS INSPIRED ME TO KEEP GOING"



Cathy: My fitness routine had gone off track, and some of my old injuries had started to bother me. I missed working out regularly, but I was lacking direction and the right motivation to get restarted. The trainers helped me get back on track with both my fitness and nutrition. I soon started to see results, which inspired me to keep it going.

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Wednesday, July 6 from 10 am to 3 p.m. The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the library. Supporting this drive helps the Red Cross fulfill its mission by ensuring the availability of a safe and reliable blood supply needed to save lives.

Outdoor Concert with the Catmoondaddy Band Wednesday, July 13 at 7 p.m.

Looking for live music this summer? Catmoondaddy will return to the library. The band is a popular rock group from Central Jersey that plays a wide repertoire of songs from the 60's to the present. The core trio is Al Radzik on vocals and guitar, Mike Mossa on bass and vocals, and vocalist Carol Archdeacon. Please join us on the side lawn of the library and bring a chair or a blanket.

Paint Your Pet's Portrait Tuesday, July 19 at 7 p.m.

Professional artist Erica Pizza will be at the library once again to teach you how to paint your pet's portrait. Please be sure to bring a large color photo of your pet. There will be a \$10 charge to cover the cost of paints and canvas, and the class will be limited to 10 students, ages 18 and up. You must register to attend this workshop to participate.

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