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DEER FENCE INSTALLED ALONG FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRAIL

Chatham Township and Scout volunteers have installed a deer fence along a municipal hiking trail so that residents can see a one-acre portion of forest regenerate, free from the heavy overbrowsing by deer populations.

The newly-enclosed area can be seen while hiking along Chatham Township's half-mile Shunpike Trail, which is accessible from the second gravel overflow parking lot of Shunpike Fields (along Shunpike Road between Castle Park and Long Hill Chapel). The family-friendly trail is marked at the back of the gravel lot by a brown welcome sign and white-diamond blazes.

White tailed deer populations are known to be approximately 7-10 times the land's carrying capacity in parts of northern and central New Jersey, according to Dr. Jay F. Kelly, Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Raritan Valley Community College. They lack natural predators nowadays, and they thrive on the "edge habitat" created by development.

As a result of excessive deer herbivory, native trees and shrubs struggle to regenerate, leaving large gaps and invasive plant species in many of our forests, where there used to be a lush forest understory. Without the essential native plants, hundreds of species of birds, butterflies, moths, bees and other animals are now absent, so forests can't purify water, store carbon, clean the air or help our gardens pollinate as effectively.

Utilizing its Open Space Fund, Chatham Township purchased fence posts and 800 feet of eight-foot steel fencing. Fourteen Boy Scouts from Troop 8 and four BSA Scouts from Troop 280 worked as a team to unroll and install the fence on January 16th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. They were advised by Dr. Emile DeVito, Manager of Science and Stewardship at the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. The Chatham Township Open Space Committee also advised on the project.

Scouts titled the volunteer project, "Regrow a Forest." "I loved working on this project," said Troop 8 Scout Koen Vonderahe of Chatham Township. "Maybe we can come back with more fencing one day to make the protected area even bigger!"



(above) Some of the BSA Troop 8 and 280 Scouts who installed the deer fence



(above) BSA Troop 280 Scouts cutting an opening for the deer fence

Courtesy photos

"The deer-fenced area is yet another way that families and residents of all ages can enjoy our very special town," added Mark Lois, a member of the Chatham Township Committee.

Hikers along the trail will be able to see many species of native trees and shrubs regenerate in the coming years. Oak trees, for instance, have been shown to support over 500 species of moth and butterfly caterpillars, which most native birds desperately need to feed their young. Research by Dr. Douglas Tallamy of the University of Delaware found that a single pair of birds usually needs over 5,000 caterpillars to raise one clutch of eggs into fledgelings. Without the oaks and other native trees, bird populations will continue to decline across the world, he says.

You can learn more about the trail by emailing jbbasralian@gmail.com (Joe Basralian, chair of Chatham Township's Open Space Advisory Committee). You may also follow the Facebook Page titled, "Shunpike Trail, Chatham, NJ."

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LOCAL SENIORS INVITED TO BE OUR GUESTS

Chatham Performing Arts Boosters

Local senior citizens are invited to attend the Chatham High School spring musical Beauty and the Beast, free of charge, followed by a sit-down dinner and cast Meet and Greet on Wednesday, March 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Seniors will not need a ticket to attend the show on Wednesday.

An RSVP is required for the complimentary dinner, which is sponsored by the Chatham Education Association (CEA) and the Chatham Performing Arts Boosters (CPAB).

Please RSVP for the dinner by Friday, March 17 to seniorspringmusical@gmail.com.

The dinner will immediately follow the show. The production will take place at the CHS Performing Arts Center located at 255 Lafayette Avenue. There is free parking available in the high school lot and a few disability parking spots are located in the circle across from the auditorium doors.

The musical, based on the beloved animated movie, Beauty & the Beast, follows book-smart Belle as she tries to save her father and becomes a prisoner in the castle of the prince-turned-beast. With the help of the castle's enchanted staff, Belle learns to look past the beast's frightening appearance and discovers that true beauty comes from within.

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CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD RELOCATES OPERATIONS

Submitted by Roberta Bitar

It's an exciting time in the life of the Chatham Emergency Squad. For the first time in over 40 years, CES is embarking upon a major renovation of its buildings. Effective February 5, all operations have shifted from the Township building at 45 Spring Street to the Borough building at 31 North Passaic Avenue. The move is in anticipation of construction starting this spring.

The renovation, which addresses space and modernization updates, was carefully studied for over four years and was overwhelmingly approved by the membership. With the support and professional cooperation of the Chatham Township Planning Board members and the Township Administrator, Ziad Shehady, CES received its final approvals in early February. Local contractor Red Rock Construction will complete the work designed by Eric Baker Architects.

In anticipation of the major overhaul of the Township building at 45 Spring Street, the CES Operations team announced its plans to ensure a seamless operational response that maintains both the safety of its members and the high-quality delivery of medical response for which CES is known. CES Captain Nicole DiMaggio said "By planning for and minimizing the challenges of operational complexity, CES will continue to respond quickly, efficiently and effectively to every 911 call it receives. No compromise in quality or outstanding patient care will be expected or accepted despite the move from one building to the other."

The building at 31 North Passaic Avenue now holds two ambulances and is where all duty crews are stationed. CES' third ambulance is parked at the Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department's station at 172 Southern Boulevard.



(above) Current operational center for CES at 31 N. Passaic Ave., Chatham.

Having one ambulance in the Township is particularly convenient for responding to second, third or overnight calls where the Township location may offer a more efficient response.

CTVFD's Chief, Matt Chase said "The Chatham Township Fire Department is excited to have the opportunity to share our space with Chatham EMS while they undergo renovations. We are fortunate enough to have room in our Southern Boulevard firehouse to not only house one of their ambulances but enough space to hold a crew of EMTs during inclement weather events. We are looking forward to continuing to build our relationship with CES and working together for the duration of the building renovations."

CES Operations Lieutenant Bryan McGookin reports that "the Operations Team has examined every aspect of the move all the way down to the smallest detail. Regular rig checks, fire rehab

equipment, and middle-of-the-night response are just three of the myriad factors the team has planned for."

All administrative functions have also relocated from Spring Street. Although many aspects can be handled from members' homes during construction, larger space for Trustee and Members' meetings have been graciously supplied by The Library of the Chathams. Additionally, the trustees of the Stanley Church building offered space for training, storage, and small meeting space for the entire length of the project. Phone numbers and US mail will be forwarded to the N. Passaic building.

This move is only the first step into an extremely exciting future for the Chatham Emergency Squad. CES looks forward to sharing more details with the community as the project develops.

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MORNING WITH THE MUSICIANS - MARCH 11

Chatham Performing Arts Boosters

Chatham's musicians are the headliners at Morning with the Musicians, a family-friendly event to be held at the Chatham Middle School Auditorium on Saturday, March 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy live performances by Lafayette School's 4th grade orchestra and band, and Chatham Middle School's 6th grade band, 7th/8th grade combined orchestra, and jazz band.

The performances conclude with a preview of Chatham High School's spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, featuring Gabrielle Vecciarelli as Belle and Charley Baird-Hassell as Gaston. Audience members will be entered into a raffle to win free tickets to the show at CHS, which opens on March 22nd.

Last year's event raised more than \$7,000 to support the district's music and theater programs and scholarships.

Enjoy breakfast in between performances from food trucks lining the CMS circle. Outdoor seating will be available.

There will be fun music-themed activities in the auditorium lobby, including an Instrument Petting Zoo sponsored by Elefante Music, craft tables, and a balloon artist.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and can be purchased through Community Pass at: register.capturepoint.com

Tickets purchased at the door are \$6, cash only.

Children 2 and under are free.

Chatham Performing Arts Boosters is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports K-12 performing arts in the School District of the Chathams.

For additional information about Chatham Performing Arts Boosters or Morning with the Musicians, please visit chatham-pab.org or email cpabnj@gmail.com.



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9:30-10:00	4th Grade Orchestra
10:00-10:30	6th Grade Band
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11:00-11:30	CMS Jazz Band
11:30-12:00	CHS Musical Preview

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(above) Chatham High School's spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, featuring Gabrielle Vecciarelli as Belle and Charley Baird-Hassell as Gaston.



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HOPE STUDENTS' PROJECT STICKER SHOCK TARGETS UNDERAGE DRINKING

The HOPE (Healthy Outreach using Peer Education) Youth Peer Leadership Group and Chatham liquor stores have partnered to remind adults over the age of 21 what the risks of providing alcohol to minors are. The Sticker Shock campaign brings awareness towards underage drinking, one of the priorities of HOPE.

The stickers are placed on the products throughout the store and act as “warning” labels to inform the public of the consequences they can face if they provide or purchase alcohol for minors. The message comes in loud and clear when minors are the ones spreading the word and taking action. Many are often unaware that they

themselves can get into trouble along with the individual that is not of age for providing alcohol to minors.

Five HOPE students, along with their advisor, Amy Lewis, Coordinator of the Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams (MACC) which funds HOPE, placed stickers on alcohol bottles and boxes in Cottage Deli and Wine on South Passaic Ave. and Bottle King on Watchung Ave. in Chatham. The stickers remind customers that providing alcohol to those under age 21 is illegal and that they could face up to 6 months of jail time or \$1,000 fine.

According to SAMHSA (the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), adults who had their first drink before the age of 15 were 7 times more likely to experience alcohol problems than those who had not started drinking before the age of 21.



(above) HOPE student volunteers recently placed stickers on products to act as “warning” labels to inform the public of the consequences they can face if they provide or purchase alcohol for minors.

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2023 SPRING-SUMMER ART SHOW OPENING



(above) Larry Kerner

Art League of the Chathams

The opening reception for the Art League of The Chathams Spring Art Show will be held on Sunday, March 12 from 2 - 4 p.m.. It is free and open to the public.

It will continue until mid May 2023. The art work is for sale. The show is located at the Chatham Township Municipal Bldg. in the Lundt-Glover Gallery, 58 Meyersville Road. Chatham, NJ.

Featuring Kathleen Havens and Larry Kerner's artwork. The collection is entitled, "Snap, Paint, Draw -Two Friends Together".

Kathleen Havens, is a long time Chatham Township resident, founding member and 20-year board member of the Art League of the Chathams.

An award-winning artist, whose style is known for strong composition, line and exciting bold colors, Kathy's 3-decade retrospective includes mostly landscapes and still-life's. She works in many kinds of media: oils, pastels, colored pencils and encaustics.

Havens states: "Drawing inspiration from the great masters of art from late 19th c. through mid-

to-late 20th c., I created my own style which evolved over decades of work while studying closely how they used color, composition and line. I was more expressive and bolder in my oil paintings and pastels of people; still-life's and landscapes at first for many years.

More recently, I've found much inspiration from landscapes (from my photographs, mostly) and have become more impressionistic with my pastels and oils."

Kathy is also a member of Drew Art Association, NJ Art Association and Pastel Society of NJ and exhibits continuously in their art shows. She has had many solo art shows.

Chatham Twp. resident, photographer, and official Art League Photographer, Larry Kerner found his inspiration while hiking and camping as a young boy. The aura brought Larry Kerner into the grandeur of nature and respect for the preservation of wilderness. The West Coast piqued his interest and he began capturing the images on film in color and black and white. Since then, the camera became his eyes. His interpretations range from cloud capped canyons to tumbling mountain streams and waterfalls.

For the past few years, Kerner won first place in the annual international photo competition of Block Drug of Jersey City, where he worked as an engineer.

Twelve of his beautiful landscapes have been permanently placed in the lobby of the Women's Neurological Facility in Upper Saddle River.

He is a member of the Vailsburg Camera Club of Springfield and many environmental organizations, as well as a longtime member of the Art League Of The Chathams.

Kerner also volunteers his time and photography skills to assist the Morris Land Conservancy, Habitat for Humanity, The Art League of The Chathams and various health organizations with their health walks.

In addition to exhibiting art, the Art League donates \$1,000 from the Rosemary Howlett Scholarship Fund to a Chatham senior student who intends to pursue a career in an artistic field.



(above) Kathleen Havens

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Historical Online Project Dedicated on National Vietnam War Veterans Day

“Welcome Home: Morris County’s Vietnam Vets,” an online collection of data, photographs and facts about the Morris County men and women who served in the Vietnam War, was launched through the official Morris County website on March 29, 2022 in honor of National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The day observes when the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam on March 29, 1973.

The project is a collection of names, service narratives, historical information and photographs compiled by the county Office of Planning and Preservation, and it remains a work-in-progress. It is a chapter in a series of online projects known as the Morris County Veterans Compendium, in which the Office of Planning and Preservation has documented the military service of Morris County residents throughout history.

“The Morris County Veterans Compendium was inspired by a WWII veteran in 2009, who expressed that history would forget veterans’ service. In order to allay that concern, Morris County works to list veterans in all conflicts,” said Jan Williams, a cultural and historic resources specialist with the county.

Prior to U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan, the Vietnam War was the longest



(above) John Crouthamel of Chatham served United States Army 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment “The Black Horse” Mr. Crothamel provided an interview for the Library of the Chathams Veteran History project found at: chathamlibrary.org/veterans-interviews. This is just 1 of 43 entries for Chatham residents. For a complete list visit: morriscountynj.gov/files/sharedassets/public/departments/planning/survey/welcome-home.pdf



conflict in American military history and became the focus of a social and political divide in the nation that never fully healed. Returning military service members were often left unheralded and mistreated, an experience the nation and veterans continue to reckon with to this day.

“In communicating with Vietnam veterans, I was surprised to learn from several that our American soldiers were busy ‘winning hearts and minds’ in Vietnam, long before we became aware

of the phrase. They cared for orphans, villagers, and worked tirelessly to leave Vietnam a better place. Although the veterans mentioned a lingering bitterness about the way they were treated upon return, they choose to focus on the honorable service they rendered during Nam,” said Williams.

The public is urged to continue reviewing the downloadable Vietnam collection to offer updates, additions and particularly photographs that will enhance the experience of those, particularly veterans, who view the webpage. Veterans also are encouraged to add tributes to the buddies they lost. Visit: morriscountynj.gov/Morris-County-News/Tribute-to-Vietnam-Veterans-Launched-by-Morris-County

Information may be forwarded to Jan Williams at jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us.

The Office of Planning and Preservation has reached out to the public in the past to build webpages memorializing Morris County residents who served in the nation’s armed forces during other eras. An accounting of Civil War men of color affiliated with Morris County was initially launched in 2018, and the office continues to update its list of more than 3,000 residents who were part of The Greatest Generation – Morris County in WWII.

A page dedicated to veterans of the Spanish-American War and Philippine War was launched in 2021.

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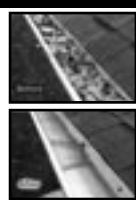


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