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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.

(more photos on page 20 & 21)



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ABOUT SENIOR CENTER OF THE CHATHAMS

The mission of the non-profit Senior Center of the Chathams has been to protect the independence and dignity of a growing, aging population by providing a wide array of programs and services that educate, empower, and connect participants to one another. The Center enables older adults to age in place and to remain active, engaged, and contributing members of their communities while increasing their access to programs and services in the areas of wellness and fitness; enrichment; support and connection; and information and referral. All of this helps to improve their physical and emotional well-being.

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DPW TAKES HOME TOP PRIZES IN EQUIPMENT ROADEO

Chatham Borough

The Annual American Public Works Association (APWA) Equipment Roadeo was held at the Gloucester Township Community Park on June 13, 2023. Members of the Chatham Borough Department of Public Works (DPW) competed alongside other municipal public works employees.

Individuals were tested on their driving ability while navigating through an obstacle course. Each competition included skills tests for backhoe, skid steer, and mini excavator. Participants competed in one or more of the 5 equipment skills tests including backhoe, mini excavator, skid steer, zero turn mower, and backpack blower.

DPW General Foreman, Leo Pietrantuono won first place on the mini excavator, and Serviceman Cristian Campos placed second. In the backhoe competition, Cristian placed second and Leo placed third. For these tests of skill, operators must move six tennis balls from traffic cones and place them into a trash can using only the equipment.

Administrator, Steve Williams noted “We are extremely proud of both Leo and Cristian and their win for Chatham Borough and our DPW.” “These two men are skilled equipment operators, and we are very proud of the work they do for the Borough along with their colleagues in DPW.”



(above, l-r) Leo Pietrantuono won first place on the mini excavator, and Serviceman Cristian Campos placed second in the APWA

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KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS AND MADISON

Submitted by Stephanie Cooperman

The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams and Madison have been busy this spring. Our club members placed flags on the graves of members of the military services, at Fairmount Cemetery in Chatham, NJ. We also participated in the



(above) On May 18, 2023, members of the Kiwanis Club of the Chathams and Madison and friends participated in their annual project to put flags on the graves of members of the military services, at Fairmount Cemetery in Chatham, NJ. The placement of the flags signified that these members of the military will never be forgotten for their sacrifices on behalf of the United States of America.

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(above) Members of the Kiwanis Club of the Chathams and Madison participated in the annual Chatham Borough cleanups for Bowers Lane and Ogden Street. The compensation for doing these beautification projects is used to benefit organizations and activities in the Chatham/Madison communities. The next cleanup will be in September when the CHS Key Club will participate in the Shepard Kollock Park cleanup.

annual Chatham Borough cleanups for Bowers Lane and Ogden Street. (The next cleanup will be in September when the CHS Key Club will participate in the Shepard Kollock Park cleanup.) And members of the Madison High School Key Club, assisted by Dave Mutchler from the Kiwanis Club of the Chathams, worked together to clean up and beautify Cole Park in Madison.

The Chatham High School Awards Assembly was held on Wednesday, May 31st at 6:30 p.m., in the high school gymnasium. The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams sponsored two Drama Awards which were presented to seniors for excellence in leadership and participation. For Theatrical Performance, Caroline High and for Technical Theatre, Anjili Sita. Music Awards were given to seniors for excellence in service, leadership and participation in the following specific areas: the John Philip Sousa Band Award to Sydney Tomishima; the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award to Brian Becker; the National School Choral Award to Emma Hartnett; and the National School Orchestra Award to Emerson Greeve.

The Madison High School Awards Ceremony took place on Thursday, June 1st in the high school auditorium. The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams and Madison gave out awards and gifts to four outstanding seniors. The Community Service Award was given to Nicole Uhuegbu; the Nancy Boucher Service Award was presented to Sydney Bruns; the Drama Award was given to Lily Bias and the Music Award went to Karen

Wu.

The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams club membership includes approximately 45 men and women of business, professional and retired status. It is their desire to serve the community that brings them together. Membership is open by invitation to people interested in committing time and energy to community service. Most members live or work in Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, Madison, Florham Park and other towns in the area. Regular Brunch Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Our meetings are in-person at the Florham Park Diner, 182 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Guests are always welcome to attend our Tuesday meetings. For additional information, contact President Stephanie Cooperman at shc.amtnj@gmail.com.



(above) On Saturday, May 6, 2023, members of the Madison High School Key Club, assisted by Dave Mutchler from the Kiwanis Club of the Chathams, worked together to clean up and beautify Cole Park in Madison

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Through this funding, CTVFD can continue to deliver on its mission "to preserve life and property, promote public safety, and foster community support through volunteerism, fundraising and collaboration". Distribution of simple and engaging handouts that catch the interest of the public (and especially children) educate and build awareness for the danger of fire hazards. Coloring books enable adults to explain simple, life-saving steps should a fire situation occur, thus educating and empowering our youth to be more aware of the dangers of fire

hazards and how to avoid them.

"We are so grateful for the longstanding support and partnership with the Chatham Jaycees. This funding will go a long way to increase awareness and educate our community on fire prevention and safety," said Richard Gentles, CTVFD, President.

William Heap, Chatham Jaycees President said, "Jaycees are committed to supporting our community and ensuring its safety. We are happy to support such a wonderful cause and are grateful to the fine men and women of the CTVFD for their volunteer service."

ABOUT CHATHAM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (CTVFD)

Founded in 1925, the CTVFD is composed of approximately 50 men and women who answer fire and emergency calls on a regular basis. We

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Our volunteer firefighters come from all backgrounds and include active firefighters, junior firefighters and lay people (associate members) from various professional backgrounds who want to give back to their community. Our aggregate call activity is an average of one call per day or six calls per week with approximately 350 calls per year. We also provide mutual aid assistance to surrounding departments on a regular basis.

ABOUT CHATHAM JAYCEES

The Jaycees, which is an acronym for JCs or Junior Chamber of Commerce, are a service organization dedicated to two guiding principles: leadership training and community development. Follow Chatham Jaycees on Facebook.

IRISES IN BLOOM ART SHOW

Watchung Branch Library

Vibrant irises are the subject of the inaugural art show at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Watchung branch. Chatham resident Hannah Kerwin photographed most of these May blooms at Presby Memorial Iris Gardens in Montclair, New Jersey.

"As you view these spectacular flowers, consider the interplay of colors, patterns, shapes, and textures," said Kerwin. "Look for sunlight reflected in raindrops, rhythmic veins lining ruffled petals, and juxtapositions of light and shadow."

The photographs will be on display on the second floor of the branch through July 31, 2023 during standard operating hours. To learn more about exhibiting at the Watchung branch art space, email watchung@sclibnj.org.

The Watchung branch is located at 12 Stirling Road in Watchung. To contact the Watchung branch, email watchung@sclibnj.org or call (908) 458-8455. To discover all SCLSNJ has to offer, visit SCLSNJ.org or connect with SCLSNJ on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube.



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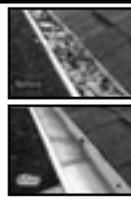
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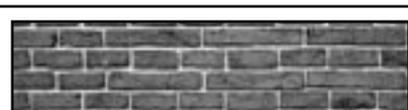
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BROADWAY UNDER THE STARS

Chatham Performing Arts Boosters

Chatham High School performers sparkled at “Broadway Under the Stars” on Friday night, May 19th, making downtown’s Reasoner Park gazebo feel like the Great White Way. The event was hosted by the Chatham Performing Arts Boosters (CPAB).

Under twinkling lights, talented students performed songs from shows including Pippin, Sweeney Todd, and Into the Woods.

The show opened with a performance by CHS’s garage band. Then, Andrew Kober, a veteran Broadway performer and Chatham resident, took to the stage as the evening’s special guest host. He performed “I Love Betsy” from Honeymoon in Vegas before introducing the student vocalists and a cappella groups to the crowd seated on the lawn in folding chairs and

on blankets.

Kober has two young children in Chatham and said that he loves being in a town that supports the arts.

“We were so fortunate to have Andrew as our host this year,” said CPAB President Janine Vecciarell. “He not only captivated the audience with his singing, he was also incredibly engaging. He had the audience laughing as he entertained us with stories of some of his experiences on Broadway.”

Vecciarelli added, “Backstage, he answered questions from the high school performers, who were eager to hear more about his experiences. We are so grateful he generously gave his time and talent to support performing arts in the Chatham School District.”

Throughout the evening, the audience was energized, cheering the performers.

Audience member Judy Baird commented, “As a Broadway veteran, it is amazing to be in the presence of a town that offers so many resources to young talent. The kids are hungry and excited and filled with enthusiasm and seize the opportunities presented to them.”

The free, open-air concert was sponsored by CPAB.

“Broadway under the Stars” has been a tradition since 2012. It had always been held indoors at the high school, but was moved outside

and downtown for the first time last year. This year the show received support from the newly-formed Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC).

“We are extremely appreciative of the Chatham businesses who have joined the CACC to sponsor this event,” said CPAB President, Janine Vecciarell. Linda Mellina, CPAB Vice President added, “Hosting this wonderful evening of performances in Chatham’s vibrant downtown, with support from the local businesses, reminds us that the arts enrich the lives of everyone in the community.”

The crowd enjoyed free popcorn and cookies compliments of “Star” sponsors Legends Gallery at Frames on Main, Novalis Roofing and Siding, and the Madison Area YMCA. “Broadway” sponsors, who offered support to offset production costs, included Cassius Eco Fashion, Chisel & Loom, and Scoops The Chatham Creamery.

A storefront window on Main Street was decorated with Broadway themes to promote the event, thanks to the efforts of Chatham resident, Cindy Marrinan.

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But that's not how it went. Joe Montana had to hire a quarterback coach to help his son be a better football player. Here's possibly the greatest NFL QB of all time, needing to hire someone else to help his son. It was not that Joe Montana was not equipped for the job...it was that his son needed a second voice to help him get to the next level.

Many parents who have much less knowledge, experience, and skills than Joe Montana are in the same boat in regards to helping their kids get stronger, faster, and more confident.

Most parents we've come across want their kids to eat healthier, be more active, and have a stronger mindset. But many have told us they need help.

Even with the constant reminders of telling their kids to eat more vegetables, get outside instead of watching TV, practice their sport more, get to bed earlier...they find that sometimes the message falls on deaf ears...and some backup would be helpful toward their vision of helping their kid be the best they can be.

Parents have told us that having us (the Grit Athlete Performance Coaches) as a second voice to help reinforce the habits they want for their kids...is changing the game.

Further...Our Grit Athlete Founder has over 20 years experience with training athletes himself...and certainly knows a LOT more about getting stronger and faster than the average parent...But has all 3 of his children (9, 8 and 6) enrolled in Grit year round...because he knows the power of that second voice.

And after they come through our program, parents tell how it's turbocharging their parenting. Here are some real-life examples that have been reported...

Before, parents struggled with getting kids to eat vegetables...now their kids are asking for more.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to get enough sleep...now their kids are getting to bed earlier on their own.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to watch less TV or play video games...now they are limiting these activities because they've learned they don't really help them become better athletes.

Before, parents struggled with helping their kids have more confidence...now their kids are doing things out of their comfort zone more often which is helping them believe in themselves which further improves self-esteem.

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because they learned that making their bed in the morning helps them have a better day.

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Many times it's not about telling your kid to eat more vegetables or stop watching TV...but rather finding the right environment for them to be more successful.

Right in your backyard, there's a team of great coaches waiting to be second voices for your kids...so that all the things you're teaching as parents will be reinforced. But most importantly, the results you're after for your kids will actually become a reality. The Grit Athlete summer Sports Performance session runs June 19 until August 24 in Berkeley Heights NJ, visit www.gritathletes.com to fill out an application for your child.

Grit Athlete Performance is a Sports Performance Training Company located in Berkeley Heights that helps kids ages 6-18 get strong, fast, and confident so they can have a bigger and better future. They have just released the dates for their summer program that starts on June 19 and runs til August 24.

Visit www.gritathletes.com to register for their summer session...or see below for more details...

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Attention Parents of Kids Ages 6-18

UPDATE: THE GRIT ATHLETE PERFORMANCE SUMMER PROGRAM HAS STARTED!

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Here's what parents can expect to happen:

- **They will get stronger** which means when they show up to their sport they'll be able to perform better than ever.
- **They will run faster and jump higher** so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking what the heck have they been doing.
- They'll become **more coordinated and improve agility** which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster.
- **Your children will start to eat better** because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid ...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables.
- **Confidence will skyrocket.** When kids get stronger, faster and more fit...their confidence will rise...so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.
- **Their mindset will improve.** We're going equip your child with very specific mindset skills that'll help them learn how to transform how they think about mistakes and failures.

HAPPY PARENTS TALKING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF THEIR KIDS...

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- Jen O'Brien, Grit Athlete Parent

- “My son is more disciplined and confident in himself”

- Steve Hughes, Grit Athlete Parent

- “I have watched my children become more confident and vocal.”

- Christine Stramandinoli, Grit Athlete Parent

- “His confidence has shot up in the last few months...and has carried forward to the way he approaches other activities like sports and schoolwork. My son is now making his bed daily and exercising every day.”

- Catherine Solfaro, Grit Athlete Parent

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RACHEL NOVAK EARNS ART SCHOLARSHIP

Submitted by Ann Frommer

The Art League of the Chathams 2023 Rosemary Howlett Scholarship Award was presented to Chatham High School Senior Advanced Placement artist and National Art Honors Society President, Rachel Novak, from Chatham Township.

The Rosemary Howlett Award was named after late president, Rosemary Howlett. She merged the two Chatham Art Leagues and was renamed, The Art League of the Chathams (or ALC), when she became president in 2007. During her realm, she established a \$1,000 art scholarship for a Chatham High School graduating senior who was outstanding in art and planned to pursue art as a career.

Aside from her love of art, Rachel excels in athletic activities. She played lacrosse, ran track and is an enthusiastic hiker. She receives inspiration from hiking in the Redrocks of Colorado.

Rachel will begin her college career at Loyola University in Los Angeles, California. She will major in Art History which includes Studio Art; she hopes to go on to TV Production.

Asking Rachel why she chose Loyola, her reply was because of location (she loves California), the school spirit, and their art programs.

Rachel credits her Chatham High School art teachers, Mrs. Candace Hull and Mr. Eric Hreha, who encouraged her interest in art and supported her choice for her future.

Besides her parents, Rachel lives with her younger sister, Vivian who will be a freshman at Chatham High School and is artistic like her big sister. To compliment the Novak family, there are two Australian Cattle dogs: Sammy and Rooster, and a cat called "Steve".

The Art League of the Chathams (ALC) has three shows a year at the Chatham Twp. Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham Twp. and is open to new members.

For more information, go to artleagueofthechathams.org.



Courtesy photo

(above) Senior AP artist and National Art Honors Society President, Rachel Novak, recently showcased three of her finest pieces to captivate the audience during a Chatham High School art show. During her time spent in her senior internship at the high school art room, she not only set up her own artwork but also played a significant role in planning and organizing the entire art show.

A MASS OF HEALING FOR CANCER

A Mass of Healing for Cancer will be offered on July 7 at the Koinonia Academy Gym, 1040 Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 by Fr. John Gordon, Secretary of the Office of Evangelization for the Newark Archdiocese. The

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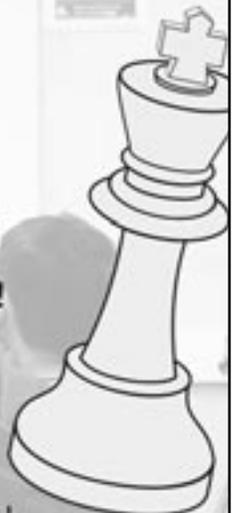
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VALERIA NARVAEZ AWARDED SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP



(above, l-r) Top: Isabelle Embden (Summit) and Brielle Angelson (Millburn); Bottom: Kendall Torres (Mountainside), Alexandra Munies (New Providence), and Valeria Narvaez (Chatham).
Not pictured: Eden Levkov (Summit)

Courtesy photo

The Summit College Club (SCC) gathered for a celebratory occasion: the annual awarding of high school scholarships on June 4, 2023. “It never gets old,” said Lynne Rogerson, SCC president; “this is the happiest day of our year.”

Founded by a Summit High School teacher over a hundred years ago, Summit College Club has awarded more than a million dollars in scholarships since then. In 1935, SCC became a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), an organization devoted to gender equity in research, education, and advocacy.

Club members had gathered in the sun-filled Lile Hall at Christ Church in Summit along with the six graduating honorees and their proud families. The afternoon began with a glad welcome by Ellie Redington, co-chair of this year’s reception.

Then came the main event: the awards. Members of the SCC Scholarship Committee took turns in describing some of each candidate’s considerable achievements and presenting a certificate, a rose, and a check for \$4,500 to each young woman.

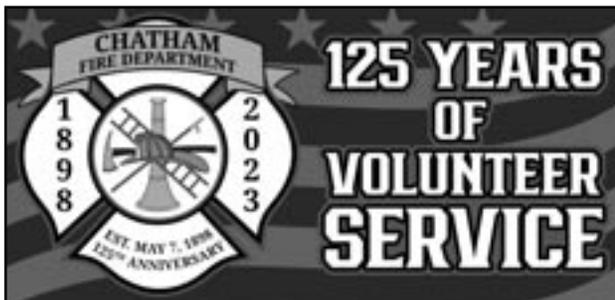
Valeria Narvaez, of Chatham High School, won the Mary K. Tennant Scholarship. Teachers praise Valeria’s drive and strong work ethic, her

intellectual curiosity and her sense of social responsibility. Valeria is a distinguished AP Scholar and has completed Chatham’s rigorous AP Capstone Program; she accomplished these things while working an outside job for 30 hours a week. The first in her family to attend college, Valeria plans an English major at New York University. Marilynn MacLean, co-chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented the award.

Once the awards had been given, two of last year’s awardees, Crystal Jong and Lara Cota, each spoke briefly. Crystal and Lara talked about their freshman experiences at college, Crystal at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Lara at the University of Pennsylvania.

Finally, Summit College Club member Leslie Carson gave a description of an exciting AAUW initiative, an annual four-day leadership conference that draws hundreds of college women nationally. The 2023 SCC winners, she said, would be eligible to take part in the spring of 2024, and Summit College Club was eager to facilitate and sponsor them.

Refreshments and photos, and lively conversation followed as the students, their families, and club members chatted happily with one another.



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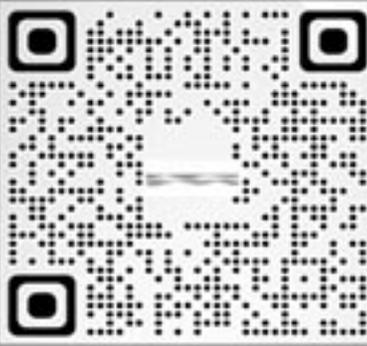
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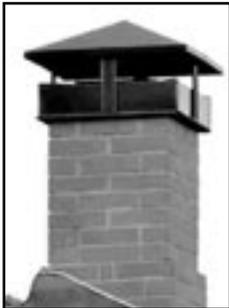
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(above) Members of the Chatham Borough Police Department, Chatham EMS, Department of Public Works, and Chatham Borough Fire Department raised the flag.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

*Chatham Borough
Mayor Thaddeus J. Kobylarz's Flag Day
Remarks, June 14, 2023:*

Flag Day forms a trio of patriotic holidays, beginning with Memorial Day at the end of May, and ending with Independence Day on July 4th. And yet its broad significance, for our nation, often goes underappreciated.

Part of the reason, no doubt, is that Flag Day is a Congressionally recognized but still non-Federal holiday. Moreover, only two states currently recognize Flag Day as a state holiday, namely Pennsylvania and Connecticut. (And I resolutely maintain that New Jersey should join them!)

Even so, a growing number of municipalities across the country now celebrate Flag Day. And I am proud to count Chatham Borough as one of them. Moreover, this is precisely as it should be.

That is because Flag Day is not just a day when we (rightly) join together to commemorate the tri-color banner that has come to symbolize this great nation of ours. In fact, Flag Day is a day when we also celebrate the great traditions and history associated with our nation's revered symbol – the red, white, and blue.

In fact, Flag Day is a day when we rejoice in all that the flag represents, including the values and principles that define this great nation of ours. As such, Flag Day is a day when we reflect on the great American experiment in freedom; democracy; constitutional government; and the kind of open, diverse, and tolerant society that we as a nation aspire to be.

Finally, Flag Day is, most importantly, a day in which we honor all those who have so bravely served, fought, and in a great many cases, died, for the freedom and rights that we today cherish as Americans – each and every one of us.

In short, the true genius of Flag Day is that its significance is befittingly expansive and reflective of all that we hold dear about this great nation of ours.

As the distinguished American abolitionist and social reformer Henry Ward Beecher once said:

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag, namely: the government, the principles, the truths, and the history which belongs to the nation that sets it forth.



(above) Council Member Carolyn Dempsey sang the National Anthem.

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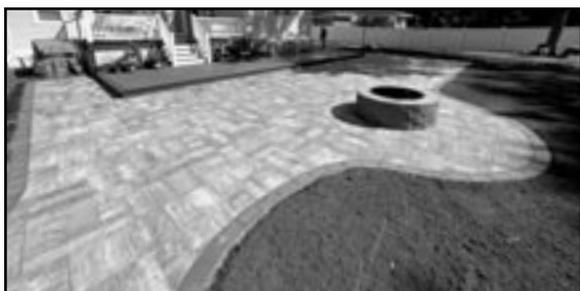
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Monthly Sales *at a Glance*

24	\$1,456,291	\$1,491,734	30
HOMES SOLD	AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET



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ADDRESS	BEDS	BATHS	GARAGE	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	DAYS ON MARKET
70 Linden Ln	7	7.1	3	\$3,999,000	\$3,925,000	210
3 Joanna Way	6	5.1	3	\$2,799,000	\$2,650,000	28
32 Mountainview Rd	5	5.1	3	\$2,100,000	\$2,050,000	27
33 Hall Rd	4	2.2	2	\$1,425,000	\$1,665,000	8
42 Oak Dr	4	2.0	1	\$1,125,000	\$1,300,000	11
198 Watchung Ave	3	1.1	2	\$750,000	\$860,000	13



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