

Chatham Borough Mayor and Council Bulletin

March 2020

This is the second of six bulletins that will be sent to Chatham Borough residents in 2020. If you would like to receive this bulletin online please go to our web page and click the link “[Sign-up for Borough e-mails.](#)”

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/zm1LS38>

Holding some of these events may depend on the situation with the Coronavirus. Check the website for updates.

Coronavirus Task Force Established

Chatham Borough has established a Coronavirus Task Force to address the Borough’s needs during this time. The Borough continues to closely monitor developments in the global outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), by providing daily updates on new information and protocols being implemented on the Borough website chathamborough.org. Chatham Borough is contracted with the Westfield Regional Health Department for all health services, questions can be directed to the Health Department by calling 908-789-4070.

Important Dates

March 16 Curbside Brush Collection. Please have your brush at the curb by 7:30am.

March 20 International Day of Happiness: Town and Country Garden Club will brighten downtown by planting yellow pansies, and businesses are participating in various ways.

April 20–24 The Environmental Commission will host events honoring the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

April 24 Borough Open House: “Touch a Truck” and school tours recognizing NJ Local Government Week. Refreshments will be served.

April 25 Historic Riverside Trail guided walk: meet at Shepard Kollock Park 9:45am – 11am. Coffee with a Council Member at *Fleur de Sel Patisserie* 265 Main Street 11am-1pm.

May 2 Spring Clean Up 8am-1pm, volunteers needed! Email communityservices@chathamborough.org

Mayor and Council Office Hours

Borough elected officials will be holding office hours in 2020 according to the following schedule. You can also call or e-mail Council members to set up a meeting at another time.

	Date	Time	Location
Mayor Kobylarz	1 st Thursday of each month And by appointment – call 510 410-2862 or email tkobylarz@chathamborough.org	7 pm – 9 pm	Borough Hall Room 313
Council Member Dempsey	2 nd Thursday of each Month (in April, Last Thursday)	11:30 am – 1 pm	Chatham Public Library Quiet Reading Room
Council Members Koronkiewicz, Resto, and Treloar (rotating)	3 rd Saturday of each month	10 am – noon	Chatham Public Library
Council President Mathiasen	4 th Monday of each month	5:30 pm – 7:15 pm (before Council meetings)	Borough Hall Room 313
Council Member Weber	By appointment – call 973-769-3035 or email rweber@chathamborough.org		

Garden Avenue Park Upgrades Survey

The Borough seeks input from residents on potential improvements to the facilities at Garden Park. Please go to the following link: <https://www.planetcivic.com/in-7369-478>

Redevelopment Update

Two major redevelopments are currently being considered by the Borough: Post Office Plaza and River Road. There is no set timeline for decisions about these projects. Detailed information about both projects can be found on the Borough website [homepage](#) under “Redevelopment.” In February, the Council reviewed proposals from independent financial advisors to review the projects and authorized the hiring of Nassau Capitol Advisors to conduct an in-depth analysis of the River Road project and to provide a public briefing on the project’s expected financial impacts.

The Council is in the process of hiring a consultant to collect additional public input regarding the Post Office Plaza project. This input will include an online and paper survey, and at least two town hall meetings that will supplement the public events held to date regarding the Post Office Plaza project.

Any questions or input you may have regarding either project should be emailed to: postofficeplaza@chathamborough.org or riverroadredevelopment@chathamborough.org

New / Expanded Committees: Call for Volunteers

The Borough Council has authorized the formation of an Economic Development Advisory Committee and a Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. We are also calling for additional volunteers to join existing committees, in particular the:

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
- Communications and Technology Advisory Committee
- Shade Tree Commission
- Board of Health
- Farmers’ Market Advisory Committee
- Historic Preservation Committee
- Recreation Advisory Committee

To learn more, please reach out to Borough Clerk, Tamar Lawful, at tlawful@chathamborough.org or download a volunteer form at: <https://www.chathamborough.org/chatham/Volunteer/>

Historic Preservation Commission Flag Awards

The Historic Preservation Commission will be seeking nominations for residential and commercial refurbishments that honor the historic nature of structures in the Borough. It will also be honoring businesses for “best new sign or awning” in the business district. Contest announcement coming soon!

Please contact Council member **Carolyn Dempsey** for further details.

Municipal Budget

The Borough’s municipal budget hearing will be held on March 23 and our May newsletter will include a detailed breakdown of the municipal budget.