

# Chatham Borough Historic Preservation Commission 2013 Annual Report

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## Members of the Commission who served in 2013 were:

Colleen Foley, Chair  
Patti Gavalakis  
Mindy Pitonyak  
Eleanor Smith  
Bill Tackaberry  
Jim Greener

*The Commission also benefitted greatly from the participation of Gerald Helfrich, Council Liaison.*

## Our 2013 agenda included the following significant activities:

- 1. Applications:** In 2013, the Commission reviewed two significant applications in the Historic District, and continued to monitor the construction activities at two other locations. Specifically, the Commission reviewed and commented on the installation of an overheard canopy at the Shell Station located at 111 Main Street. In addition, the Commission reviewed and commented on an application to install cellular facilities on the façade of 249-253 Main Street.

The Commission also continued to work with Investors Bank as they made changes to the rear and side elevations of the existing bank building, and installed a drive-up ATM in the original teller drive-thru. The Commission made a number of recommendations regarding the appearance and details of the new addition, which the applicant adopted. Investors Bank also consulted with the Commission on the choice of materials used in the exterior construction of the building for the purpose of assuring the new construction was a seamless match to the existing structure. The Commission appreciates the cooperation of Investors Bank in this project.

The Commission has also continued to monitor the construction activity at the Parrot Mill, and worked with the Borough's construction official to help assure that the original historic structure is protected during construction.

- 2. Signage:** The Commission reviewed and commented on numerous applications seeking approval for signage in the Historic District.

- 3. Jan Westfall Preservation Flag Award:** Commission members identified and discussed several candidates for the 2012-2013 Flag Award. Ultimately, the Flag Award was presented to the Kass Family for their efforts to restore and preserve 37 Elmwood Avenue. The presentation was made at a Borough Council meeting in early June.

**2012-2013 JAN WESTFALL FLAG AWARD  
37 ELMWOOD AVENUE  
KASS FAMILY**



4. **Long-Term Projects:** In 2013, the Commission took steps to organize a comprehensive inventory of historic structures located in the Borough and the Main Street Historic District. The last survey of Borough structures was done in 1989-1990. This is a significant project that will consume most of 2014.