



Chatham Fire Department Association's 62nd Anniversary Fourth of July Celebration

June 9, 2016

Chatham, NJ- Parade Chairman, Deputy Chief Jeffrey Fricke, and Vice Chairman, Deputy Fire Marshal Stephen Williams, have formally announced the details of this summer's Fourth of July festivities. The Chatham Fire Department Association will once again host the annual parade and the fireworks display.

The day will begin with the flag raising and fire department inspection at 9:15am at the Borough Firehouse with the parade procession starting promptly thereafter. Beginning at 10:30am sharp, the parade will start at the intersection of Hillside Avenue and Main Street and will continue down Main Street towards Chatham Middle School. This year's sixty-plus unit parade features ten bands, nine fire departments, and numerous community organizations.

The Chatham Borough Police Department (CBPD) has noted that Main Street (Route 124) will be closed from 10:00am- 1:00pm during the parade and is now advising the public to plan alternate routes to avoid delays.

The Fourth of July Parade will happen rain or shine, but the rain date for the fireworks *only* will be July 5th, 2016 at the same time (9:30pm or dark).

2016 Parade Grand Marshal

The Parade Grand Marshal for the 2016 Fourth of July Parade will be Richard D. "Dick"



Ligertwood a 50 year resident of Chatham Borough. Dick has been active in Scouting for 74 years starting as a Tenderfoot in Troop 71 in Newark and transferring in later years to Troop 8 in Chatham where he has been a member for 45 years. Some of Dick Ligertwood's scouting accomplishments include being a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Wood Badge Recipient, Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, Council Advancement Chairman, Silver Beaver Award Recipient, and Silver Antelope Award Recipient. He also served as Instructor and Quartermaster at the Boy Scouts of America

Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimerron, New Mexico

During his many years of Scouting, Dick has mentored countless numbers of scouts including many to the rank of Eagle Scout.

When asked what his memories of Troop 8 are, Dick modestly replied "it is difficult for me to point out special memories and proudest moments except to say that each Scout Induction and Eagle Scout Award presentation were always important to me".

Ligertwood is father of three adult children; Nancy, Susan and Alan and is a grandfather to 5 grandchildren; Samantha, Matthew, Alexandra, Zach and Ben. Joanne, Dick Lidgerwood's wife, predeceased him in 2001.

Fireworks Display & Entertainment

This year's fireworks will take place at the Chatham Middle School Field on July 4th, 2016. The field is located at 480 Main Street in Chatham Borough and the fireworks will begin around 9:30pm or dark. However, the gates will open at 7:00pm and the public is invited to enjoy some musical entertainment prior to the fireworks. South Jersey's premier vintage rock and soul band- The Bob Campanell Band - will be travelling straight from the south Jersey Shore to perform for the second Fourth of July in a row. After the performance, the 2016 fireworks will be set off by World Champion Santore Brothers of Garden State Fireworks of Millington, NJ.

Chatham Borough Fire Marshal, Walter Nugent, reminds all spectators that "any types of fireworks or sparklers are illegal and strictly forbidden from the school grounds" and cautions the public that "violators will be ejected and subject to arrest."

All information ALERTS pertaining to parade or fireworks will be sent out via ALERTCHATHAMBOROUGH. To sign up, visit www.chathamborough.org