

Village of Chatham, NY
FALL NEWSLETTER 2024



A Gaggle of Old-Timey Witches

BACK TO SCHOOL PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS: A friendly reminder that school will soon be back in session and children and bicyclists will be out and about. Please keep an eye out for them when driving and remember that bicyclists have equal right-of-way and all pedestrians have the right-of-way when using a cross walk.

LEAF PICKUP/YARD DEBRIS: Leaf pickup will begin in October and run through December (weather permitting). Please note that this includes leaves only: brush, stone, and other yard waste will damage the machinery and cannot be accepted. Downed limbs, brush, and yard clippings, and leaves may also be deposited at the DPW garage at Brookside Avenue between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Land clearing or tree removal brush should not be brought to the DPW garage but can be taken to the Greenport transfer station. If you have any questions, email them to pgenovese@villageofchatham.com or call (518) 392-5877.

PARKING: There will be restricted parking in the Village on the following dates:

- Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 6:30 am-1:00 pm: NO PARKING on Kinderhook Street and Woodbridge Avenue due to the Annual Firefighter's Parade.
- Tuesday, August 27-Tuesday, September 3, 2024: NO PARKING on Church Street for the Columbia County Fair.

Please keep in mind that the parking of vehicles is prohibited on all streets in the village between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily.

SHREDDING: COLUMBIA COUNTY K.I.S.S. PROGRAM: Seniors over sixty can bring sensitive documents to the Village Hall from September 16th – September 27th, for FREE destruction. Village residents' documents will be signed over to the Clerk and will be placed into a secure, locked container immediately. This container cannot be unlocked by any County or Village employee, only by the vendor.

OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT: A reminder to all: 2020 Building Code of New York State states that Temporary Encroachments such as awnings, tables, chairs, sandwich board signs, umbrellas, etc. must maintain no less than 3' width and 7' height clearance for the pedestrian walkway from the street line/edge of the sidewalk.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Please keep in mind that Grease, Oil and Fats should be allowed to cool and placed in the garbage and never disposed of in a sink drain or in the toilet. The following should not be flushed down the toilet: Feminine Hygiene Products; Flushable Wipes; Prophylactics/Condoms; Kleenex/Facial Tissues; Dental Floss; Paper Towels; Cigarette Butts; Medication; Cotton Balls; Band Aids; Disposable Diapers; Q-Tips; Kitty Litter; Gasoline; Paint Thinner.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL: With winter upon us, it is important to keep your sidewalk clear of snow and ice. Please note that the Local Law regarding snow and ice removal has been updated and can be read in its entirety by visiting the Village website at www.villageofchatham.com and searching LOCAL LAW 5 OF 2022.

FEEDING WILDLIFE: It is illegal to intentionally feed wild deer in New York. Feeding of white-tailed deer causes unnatural concentrations near the food source, which can lead to ecological damage, damage to property, and an increased risk of transmission of disease between deer.

One Hundred Years Ago: Breaking News in Chatham...

One of the horses that draw the express delivery wagons is glad there are telegraph poles and a stand pipe on Park Row. Tuesday morning he utilized two poles and the stand pipe in giving his neck a thorough scratching while Driver Waltermire was delivering packages to business houses. This horse believes in doing a thorough job therefore he rubbed one side of his neck on the first pole and the other side on the second. He used the third pole for scratching first one side and then the other.

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Back by popular demand (one person), here's that same picture of a spooky ghost that I drew.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!