

Village of Chatham, NY

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2023



CHATHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Chatham Fire Department is pleased to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be at the Village Gazebo on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Letters for Santa can once again be left in Santa's Mailbox which will be at the Gazebo that night and then moved to the steps of the Tracy Memorial Hall.

The CFD will be conducting a Toy Drive to collect toys to be given away to children at a FREE Pancake Dinner & Hot Chocolate Bar Christmas Party which will be held on December 16, 2023 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Firehouse. The CFD is asking for new, unwrapped toys for all ages and genders or monetary donations (please make checks payable to Ocean Fire Company) to purchase gifts.

Chatham Fire Department members will be driving around the Village on Saturday, December 2nd to pick up donations beginning at 9:00 am. Donations can also be dropped off at the Tracy Village Memorial Hall or Chatham Hardware. Individual pick-ups can be arranged by emailing: prattp5822@gmail.com.

SHREDDING: COLUMBIA COUNTY K.I.S.S. PROGRAM: Seniors over sixty can bring sensitive documents to the Village Hall from November 27th – December 8th, 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.

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.

SNOW EMERGENCY STREETS: The Mayor is authorized to declare a snow emergency when necessary in order to permit snow plowing and snow removal. During a Snow Emergency, parking on either side of the designated streets is prohibited and vehicles may be towed. For the purpose of snow plowing and removal on all NON-snow emergency Streets, the village may post temporary snow removal signs and we ask that vehicles are removed within 24 hours.

The following streets are designated as snow emergency streets:

Austerlitz Street, Cemetery Hill, High St, Kinderhook Street, Library Place, Maiden Lane, Woodbridge Avenue (from Hoffman Street to Church Street)

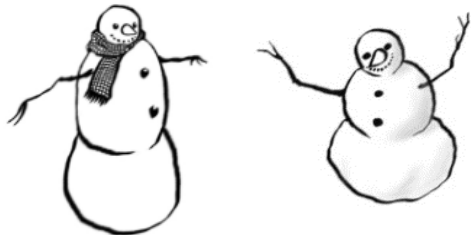
WINTER TIPS: Take the time now to get your home ready for the winter season by following these tips:

- Have your heating system checked annually by a professional. If you heat by wood, clean your fireplace or stove. Have your chimney flue checked for any buildup of creosote and then cleaned to lessen the risk of fire.
- Replace batteries of smoke, heat and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Keep pipes from freezing by wrapping in insulation, UL approved heat tape, or layers of old newspapers and covering newspapers in plastic to keep out moisture. Seal any leaks that allow cold air inside where pipes are located.
- Gather and store emergency supplies, including:
 - A battery-operated radio and flashlight, as well as a supply of batteries, candles and matches.
 - Water, medications and foods that don't require refrigeration or cooking
 - A telephone that does not require electricity to operate
 - A list of emergency telephone numbers
 - Extra blankets, coats, hats, and gloves
 - A first aid kit and manual
 - A fire extinguisher

Safety Tips: If your heat goes out during a winter storm, follow these tips:

- Use only safe sources of alternative heat such as a fireplace, small well-vented wood or coal stove or portable space heaters. Always follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Dress in layers of lightweight clothing and wear a cap.
- Close off rooms you do not need.
- Know the signs of hyperthermia (shivering, drowsiness, slowness) and how to treat it (wrap the person in warm clothing, move to a warm location and seek medical help).
- Check on people with special needs (elderly or dependent on life-sustaining or health-related equipment such as ventilators and respirators).

Stay warm and have a very happy holiday season!



Here's that same old snowman that I drew last year. Desiree said he looked lonely and requested that he have a friend. This is his friend.