

NOTICE FROM THE TOWN OF CHATHAM VIRGINIA

The Town of Chatham will conduct a significant clean-up of the Chatham Burial Park starting in January. This historic cemetery is located at 111 Whitehead Street, Chatham VA.

Many grave sites and stones are being disturbed by overgrown shrubs, volunteer plants, and scrub trees. The Town of Chatham, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Town Ordinance Sec. 12.08.030, will remove these items.

The Town will not remove well established, non-intruding trees. The Town is not responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of bushes, flowers, or trees planted by families owning plots in the cemetery. The unkept and overgrown vegetation detracts from the beauty of the site and creates a nuisance and in some cases, a hazard for visitors and maintenance personnel.

However, we do not want to remove items that are purposely planted and well cared for.

If you or your family have a tree, plant, or bush on a site you consider important, please contact Chatham Virginia Town Hall at 434-432-9515 and ask for the Town Manager's Office. You can also email: TownHall@chatham-va.gov with information on the family name, name on tomb stones, location and description of the vegetation, and a point of contact that is responsible for the care and maintenance of the vegetation. Please forward any questions to the above listed contact information.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

**Nicholas Morris
Town Manager**