

# Chaplin Pride Month

## April, 2012

We live in a wonderful town, filled with the natural beauty of forests, fields, rivers, streams, ponds and wildlife—as well as historic buildings and cemeteries. Sometimes we forget how interesting and beautiful our town is, and don't do all that we can to help preserve that beauty.

The Chaplin Conservation Commission is using the month of April to help foster pride in our town. We hope you will participate and encourage your friends and neighbors to participate in making Chaplin an even better place to live.

For the most up-to-date information, please view our web site at <http://chris.komuves.org/pride.html>

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### Chaplin Clean-Up Day

April 21 (Saturday)

If you feel disgusted when you see trash littering the sides of the road, here's a chance to do something about it! Our goal is to have as many people as possible clean up a section of road or other public area in Chaplin. Here's how it works:

1. Go to the website and choose an area that you or your household / organization are willing to clean up.
2. Email a note to [cleanup@chaplinct.org](mailto:cleanup@chaplinct.org) with the area you'll be cleaning up and who you are.
3. On or before April 21st, perform the cleanup. Plastic trash bags and gloves will be available at the Chaplin Town Hall. If you come across anything too large for you to manage, let us know, and we'll ask the town to deal with it.
4. For the weekend of April 21st, there will be a dump truck at the Town Hall parking lot, into which you can deposit trash from the cleanup (please do NOT bring personal trash).
5. After the cleanup, send any comments, reports, or photos that you want to share about what you found to [cleanup@chaplinct.org](mailto:cleanup@chaplinct.org). These will be published on the cleanup web page.

For questions or comments, contact Chris Komuves at [cleanup@chaplinct.org](mailto:cleanup@chaplinct.org) or (860) 455-9839.

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### Historic Chaplin Street with Jean Givens

April 28 (Saturday) 9:30am - 10:30am

Walk along Chaplin Street with Jean to learn about the history of this neighborhood and its oldest homes. Meet at the Chaplin Congregational Church (34 Chaplin Street). The walk will end at the Chaplin Street Cemetery where coffee, cider, and donuts will be provided before the next walk begins.

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### Chaplin Street Graveyard with Rusty Lanzit

April 28 (Saturday) 11:00am – 12:00pm

Learn about some of Chaplin's most famous past inhabitants and see their final resting spots. We'll also learn about the stone carvers of the 1700's and 1800's in this area, including Beza Soule, one of the area's most prolific stone carvers, buried right here in Chaplin. This one-hour walk is for all ages, and is on easy terrain. Meet at the Chaplin Street Cemetery for refreshments (coffee, cider and donuts) before the walk. For more information, contact Rusty Lanzit at [rlanzit@hotmail.com](mailto:rlanzit@hotmail.com).

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### Natural History of Garrison Field with Juan Sanchez

April 28 (Saturday) 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Join naturalist Juan Sanchez for a walk around Garrison Field Park and Hubbard Sanctuary to learn about the ecology of vernal pools.