### <u>EAGLE</u>

The American Eagle is found in Buena Vista and is our proud symbol for the Township.



#### **RICHLAND CARPET**

A local merchant established in 1971 on Route 40. Richland was originally a commerce area with factories and businesses.

#### MLK CENTER

The Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center, located in the Newtonville Section of the Township was established in 1995 offering outreach and activities.



FIRETRUCK Symbolizes our five Volunteer Fire Companies in the Township.

DEER

The most

prevelant

animal seen

in the

Township.



OWL The symbol of a number of types of owls that call Buena Vista home.



TRAIN Symbolizes the railroads that once crossed through the Township.



This painting was done by a local relative of Jonathan H. Smith depicting the Sawmill with the white oak in the distance. The picture hangs inside the Patcong Valley Model Railroad Building in the Township's Visitors Center.



Any time of year the white oak tree was a stunning sight in Saw Mill Park. Winter, was particularly beautiful!



The Tree in full bloom at its peak. Dedicated: Saturday, May 27, 2017 by Buena Vista Township Committee Mayor Chuck Chiarello Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly Committeemen: John Armato, Steve Martinelli, John Williams <u>Special Thanks to:</u> Buena Vista Township Staff: Kenia Nunez-Acuna, Administrator & CMFO Kristie Knapp, Mayor's Administrative Secretary Lisa Tilton, Township Clerk Gene Sykes, Supervisor of the Department of Public Works & Staff

# **Tour Guide & Information**

"The Tree Monument" Saw Mill Park Richland Village, NJ Buena Vista Township

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Photo by Dave Griffin

## "The Most UNUSUAL Tree in New Jersey"

Here stood a mighty white oak tree for 235 years (Aprox: 1780-2015) next to a saw mill that led the way for the once mighty railroads to criss-cross here in Richland. When time took the life from this tree it still had a 125' wingspan and was over 50' high. It was trimmed to a contemporary piece of art by local Tree Surgeon Gary Heitz and carved by Chainsaw Artist Brian Ackley.

The result is The Tree Monument, perhaps... "The Most UNUSUAL Tree in New Jersey"

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